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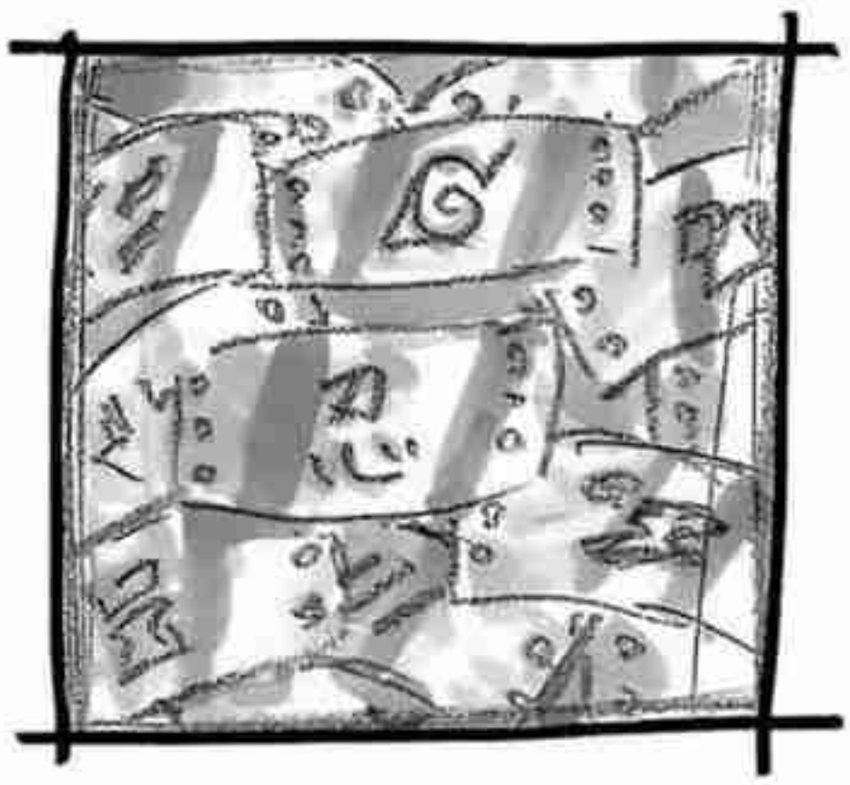

With each graphic novel volume, I fix any mistakes on the pages. A common mistake is the headband mark. So complicated!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2014

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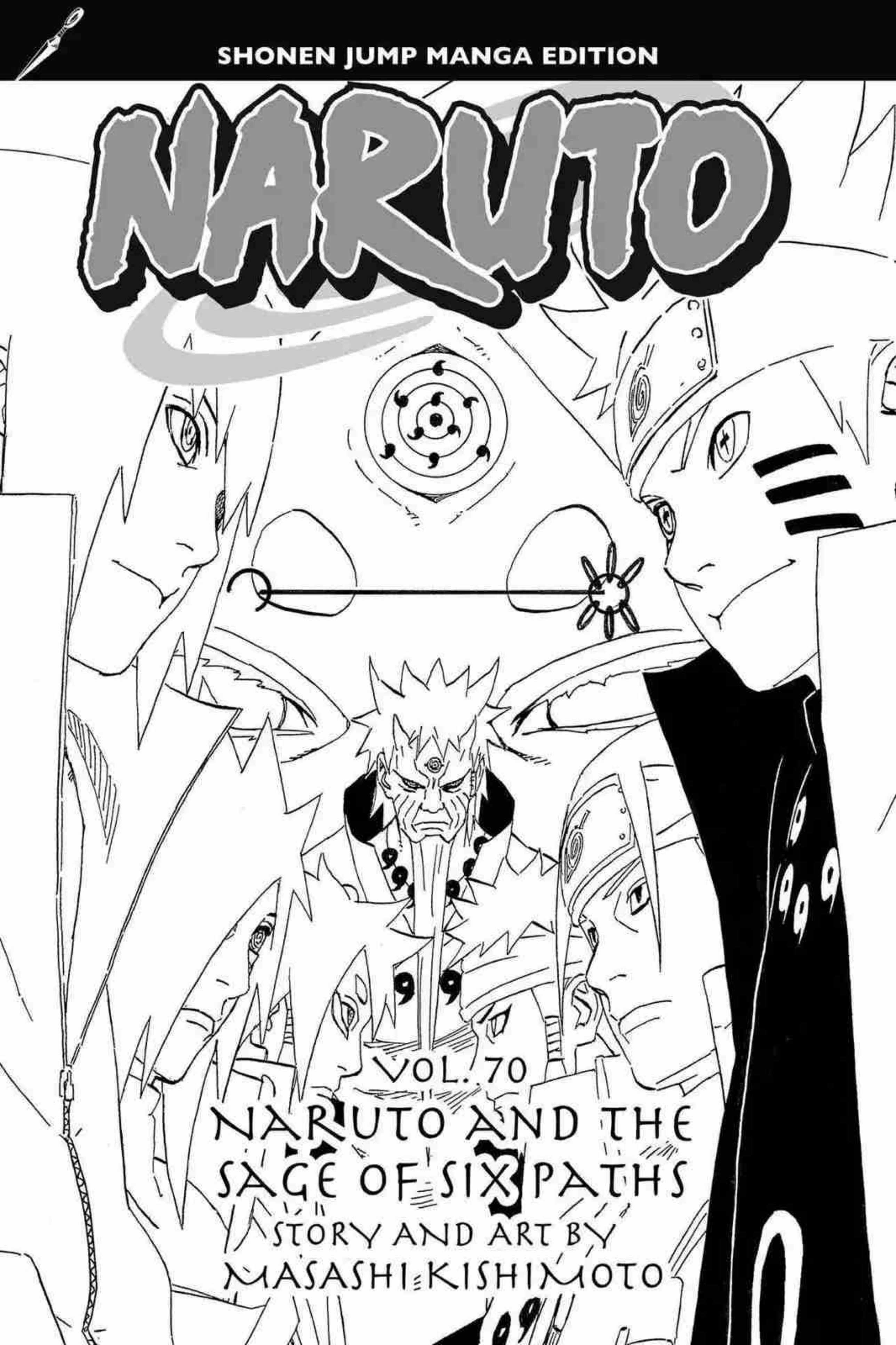

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NARUTO AND THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS

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CHARACTERS

Naruto うずまきナルト

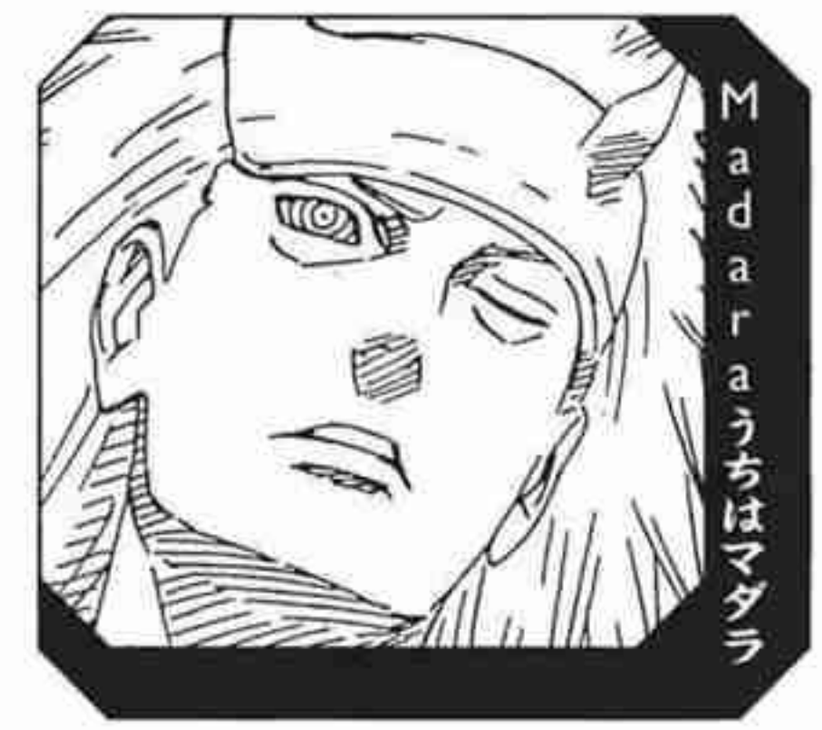
Sasuke うちはサスケ

Kakashi はたけカカシ

Sakura 春野サクラ

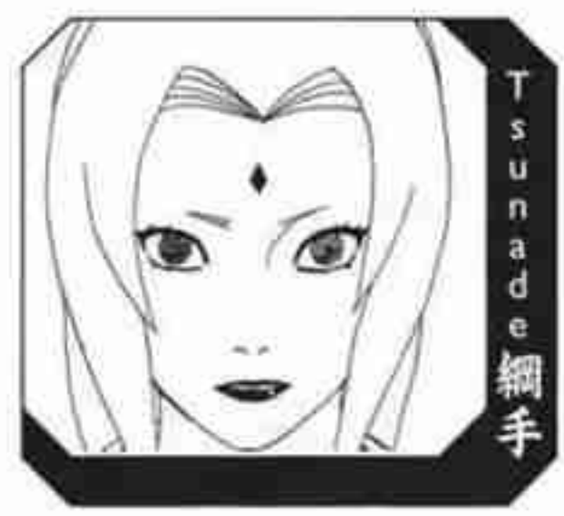
Kurama 九喇嘛

Might Guy ガイ



Madara うちはマダラ

Obito うちはオビト



THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Having been revived thanks to Rinne Rebirth, Madara then captures all the biju and gains Six Paths power. With Kurama taken from him, Naruto teeters on the verge of death, as does Sasuke who is defeated by Madara. Meanwhile, Might Guy arrives just in time to protect Kakashi and the others from Madara's onslaught. In order to protect those precious to him, Guy finally reveals his most forbidden jutsu!

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GUY... IS THAT YOUR...?!!
RRUMBLE

UGH!

GUY...
THAT'S MASTER'S SEKIZO, THE EVENING ELEPHANT!

KRAKOM

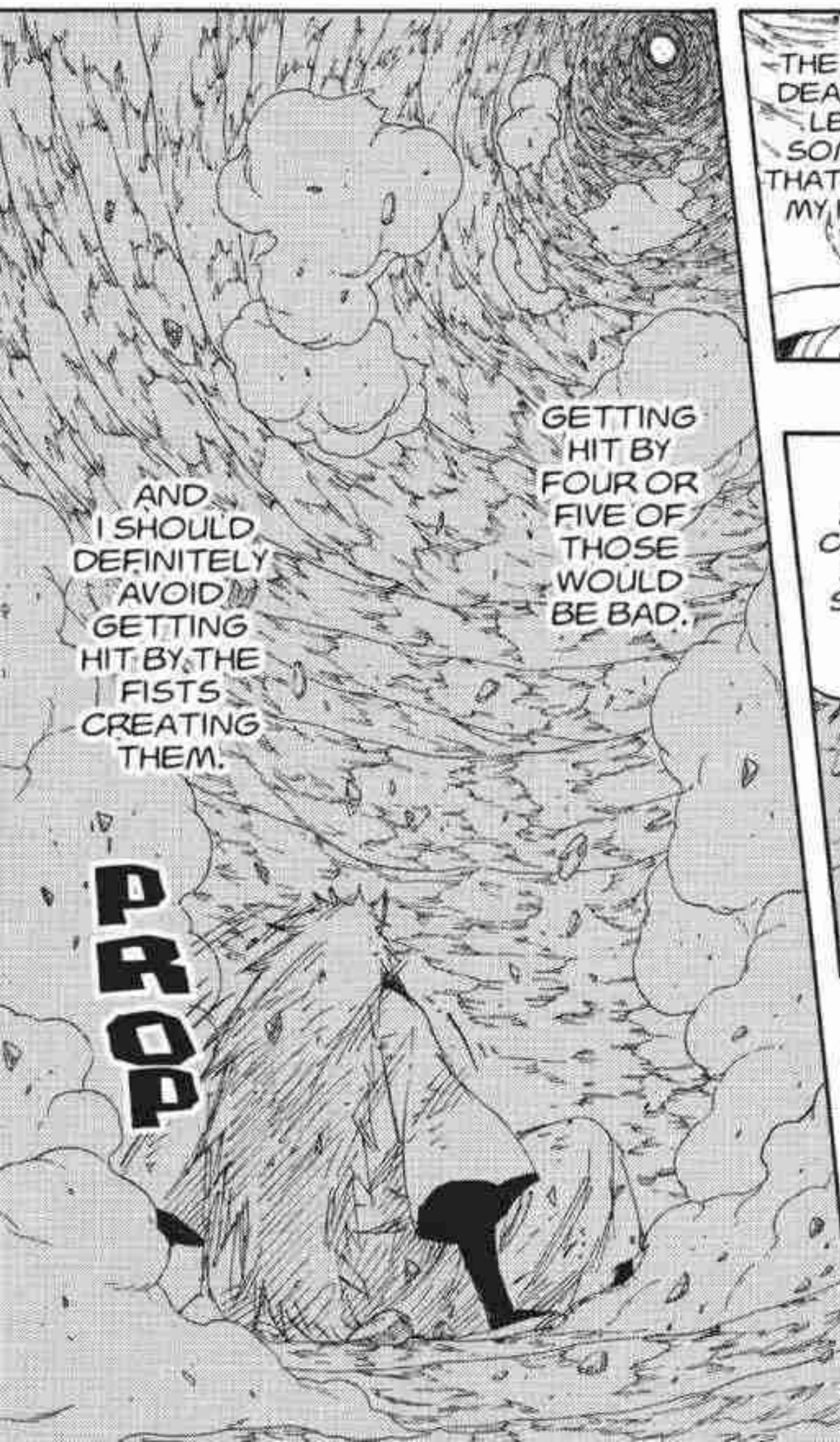
!!
ITO
ACH!

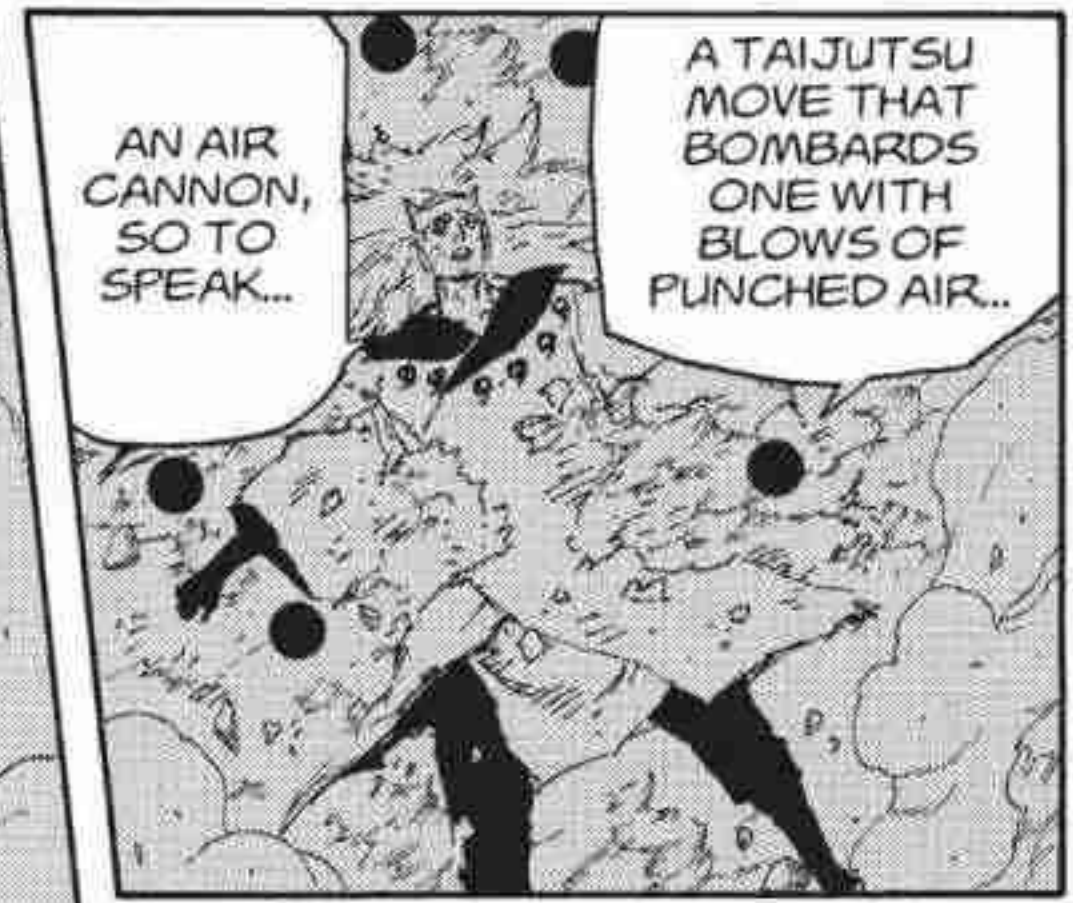
SECOND STEP...

I SEE... WHAT, UNBELIEVABLE PAIN.
NEXT TIME I CAN KEEP IT GOING WITHOUT GIVING HIM AN OPENING!
BUT I'VE ACCLIMATED.

THE SEKIZO IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CONTINUOUS ATTACK THAT CAN BE SHIFTED UP IN SPEED FROM ONE TO FIVE TIMES...
HE STOPPED PARTWAY ?!

I BET THE GATE OF DEATH'S PAIN LEVEL...IS SOMETHING THAT EXCEEDS MY IMAGINATION!
GREAT STRESS IS PLACED ON THE BODY EVEN THROUGH THE FIFTH GATE OF CLOSING...


GETTING HIT BY FOUR OR FIVE OF THOSE WOULD BE BAD.
AND I SHOULD DEFINITELY AVOID GETTING HIT BY THE FISTS CREATING THEM.
PROP


AN AIR CANNON, SO TO SPEAK...
A TAIJUTSU MOVE THAT BOMBARDS ONE WITH BLOWS OF PUNCHED AIR...

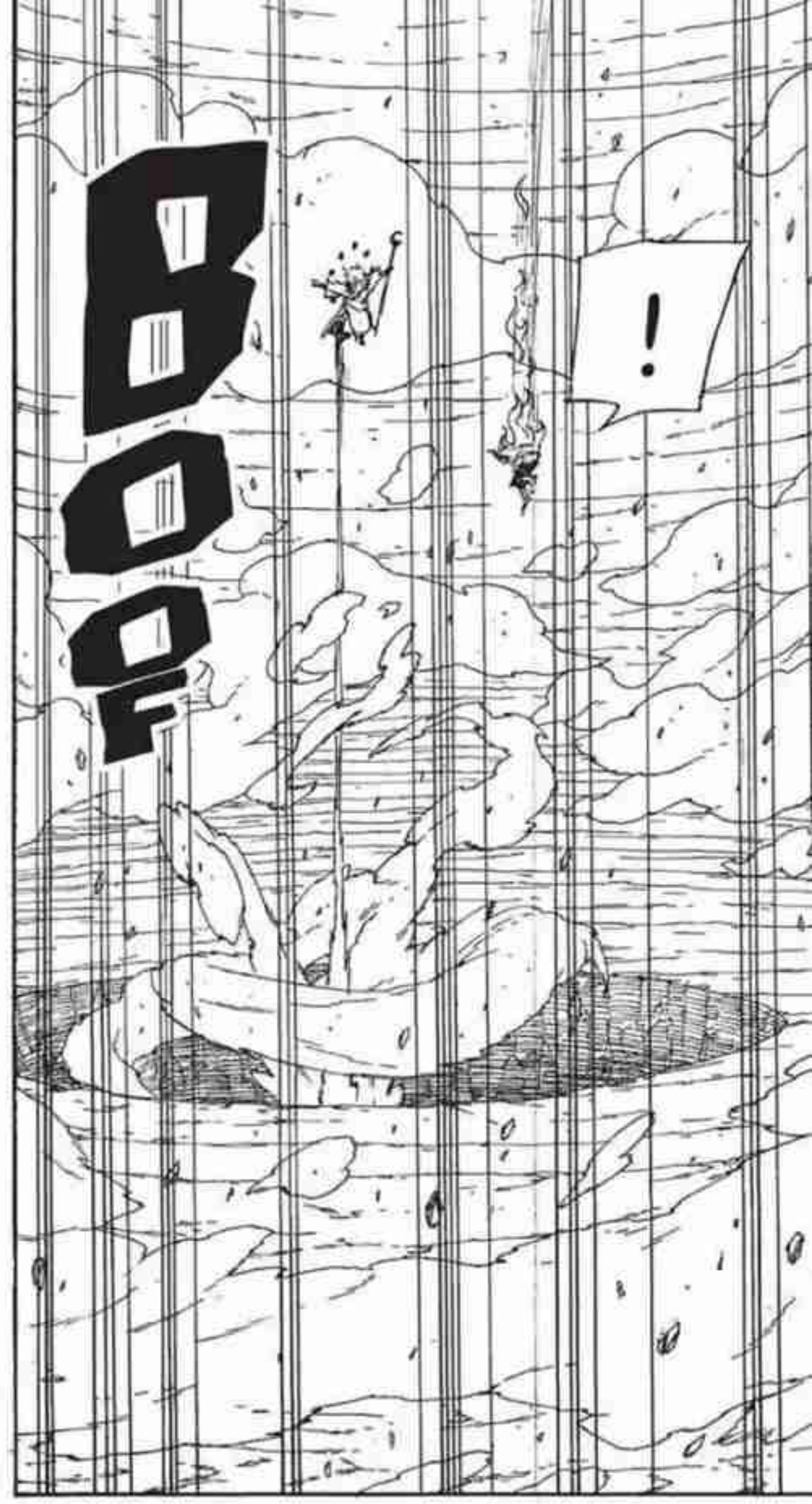
SNAP

CRACK

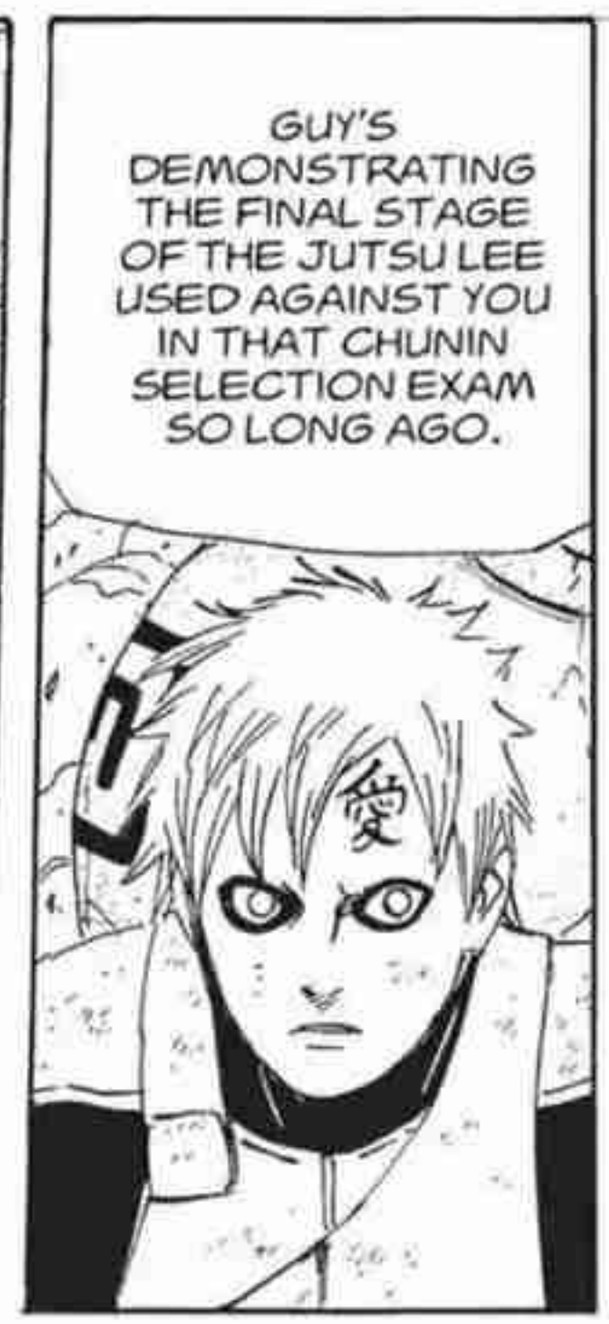
...!

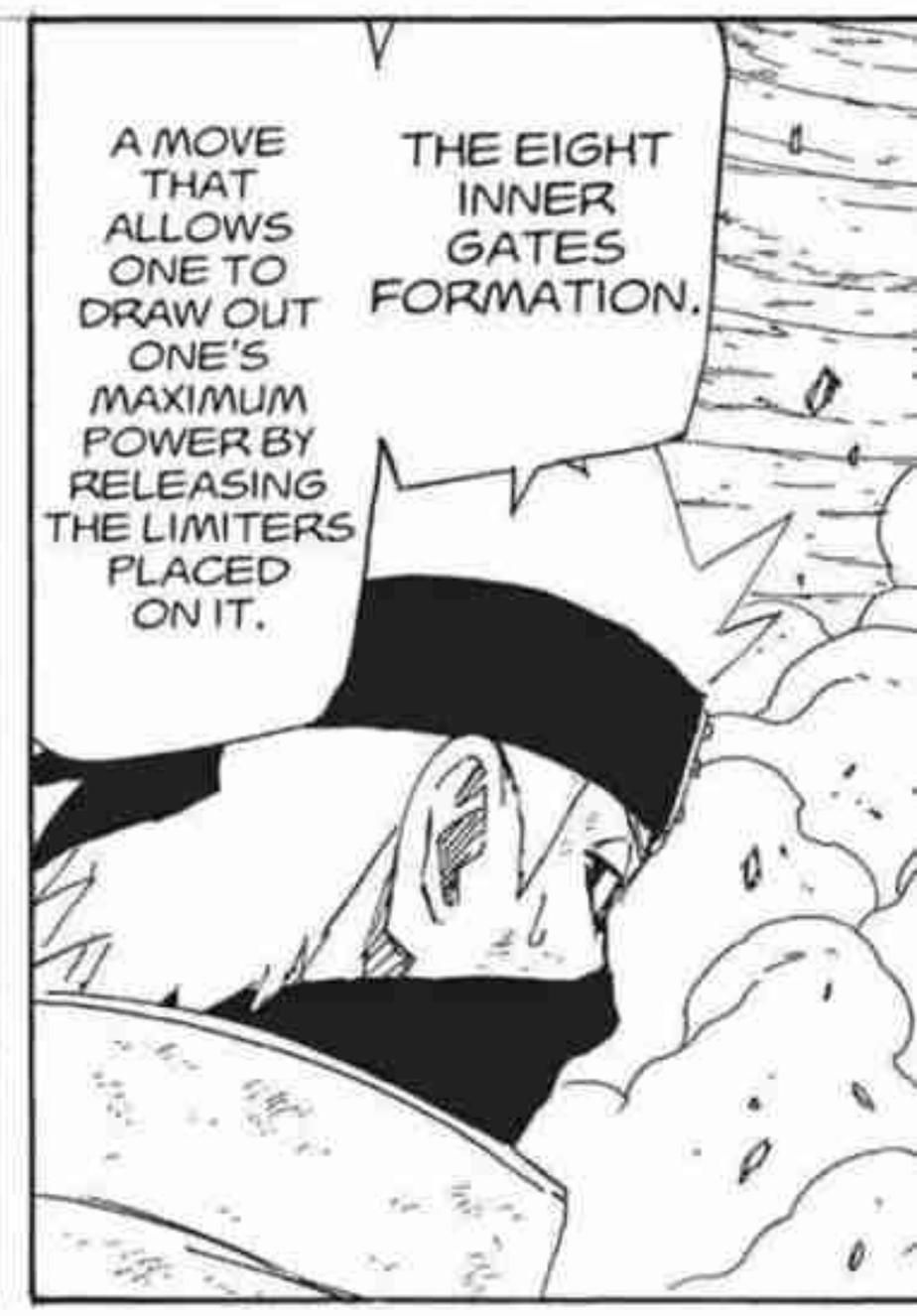
ONE RARELY GETS TO FIGHT THE EIGHT INNER GATES FORMATION! I'M GAME! I'LL PLAY WITH YOU!

WHAT HAS MIGHT GUY DONE?
MADARA STILL CAN'T BE TAKEN DOWN, HUH!


BOOF
!

BUT... IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY ...
THE RELEASE OF ALL EIGHT LIMITERS RESULTS IN POWER TENS OF TIMES GREATER THAN THAT OF THE GOKAGE.


GUY'S DEMONSTRATING THE FINAL STAGE OF THE JUTSU LEE USED AGAINST YOU IN THAT CHUNIN SELECTION EXAM SO LONG AGO.


A MOVE THAT ALLOWS ONE TO DRAW OUT ONE'S MAXIMUM POWER BY RELEASING THE LIMITERS PLACED ON IT.
THE EIGHT INNER GATES FORMATION.

HE'S COMING TOWARDS ME BY KICKING AIR!

...AND AFTER-WARDS...
...THAT PERSON WILL INEVITABLY DIE.
KICK KICK
KICK KICK KICK

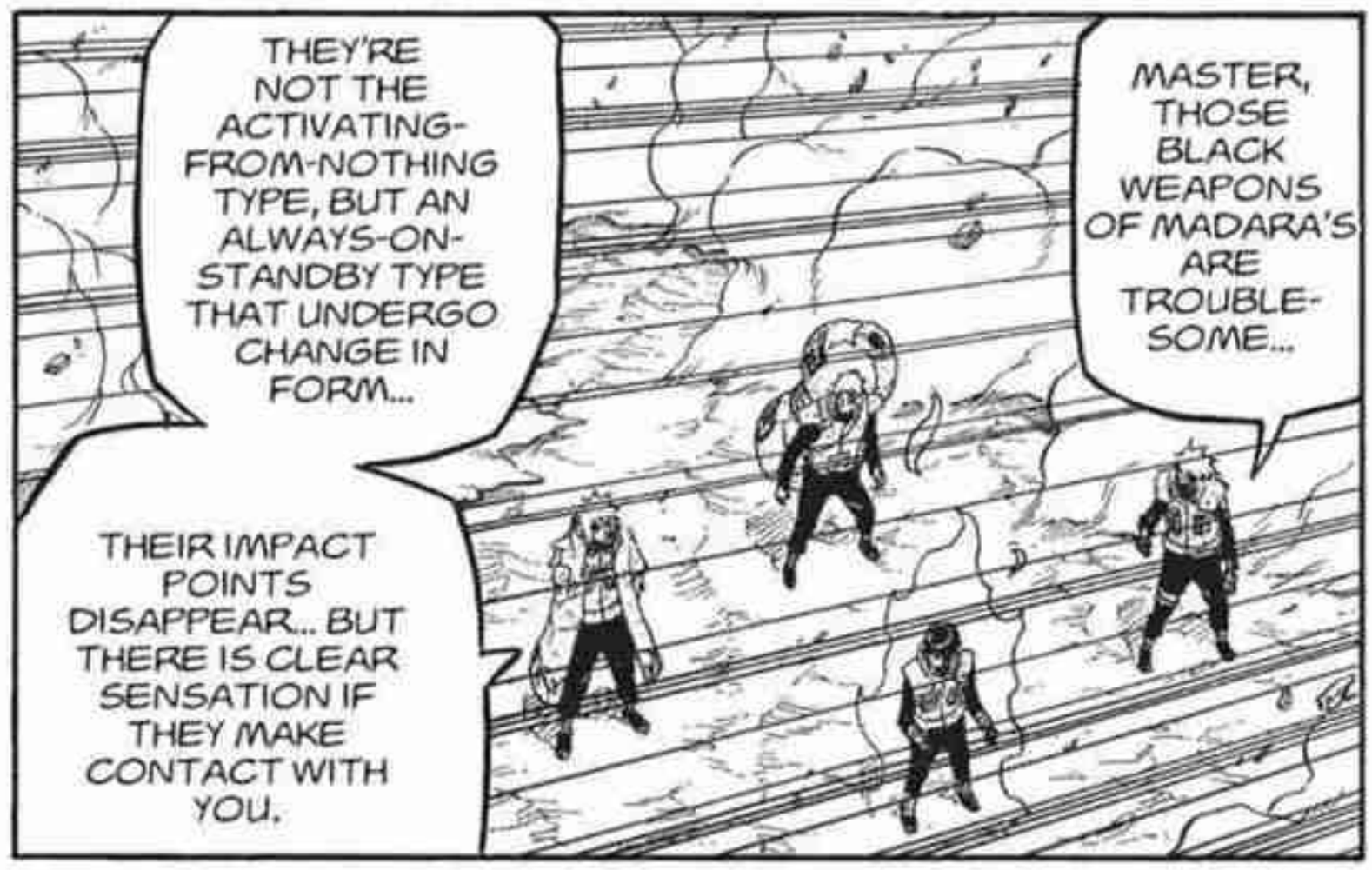
LEE... YOU...

HE'S MY LOVABLE, PRECIOUS PROTÉGÉ.

TO A MAN WHO HAS RESOLVED HIMSELF...
I AM NOT SAD AT ALL!!

RAAA!!

...ANY COMPASSION OR SORROW WOULD BE AN AFFRONT!!



...FOR HE LOSES CONTROL OVER THEM ANY FURTHER THAN THAT.

SWOOOO--...

HE CAN SEND THEM ONLY ABOUT 70 METERS OUT...

TP

WAFT

FSH

SWOO

COULD YOU PREPARE SOME SAND, GAARA?

TO BE FRANK THOUGH, I'M STARTING TO LOSE SIGHT IN MY LEFT EYE...

...

I'LL HAVE TO GET PRETTY CLOSE TO TARGET THEM ACCURATELY ...

...KAKASHI, YOUR KAMUI SHOULD WORK ON THEM.

SO SINCE THEY PHYSICALLY EXIST, AND CAN BE TRACED AND FOLLOWED...

BY SENDING THEM AWAY, WE CAN PREVENT HIM FROM CONTROLLING THEM.

I'LL HAVE KAKASHI CARRY ONE OF MY KUNAI.

NO WORRIES. THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.

BUT MY SAND ISN'T FAST ENOUGH TO AVOID HIS ATTACKS.

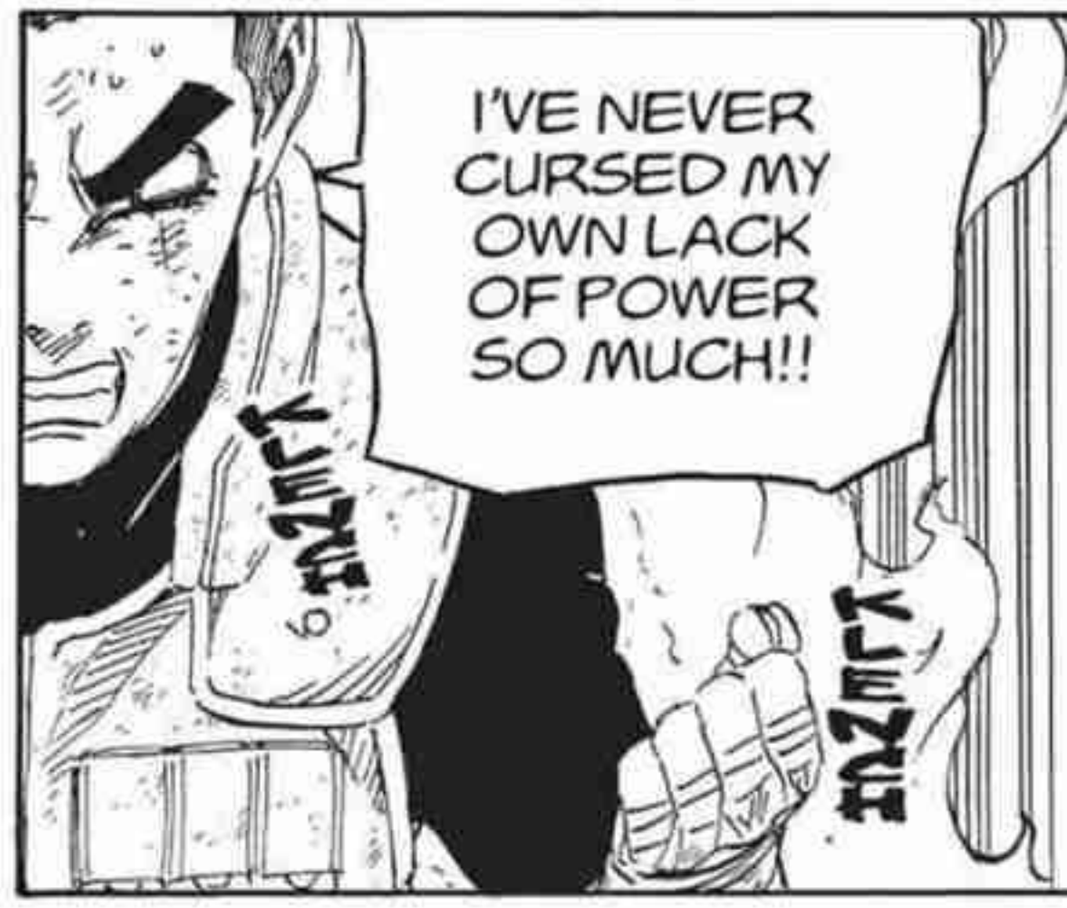
YOU MEAN TO TRANSPORT KAKASHI WITH MY SAND, RIGHT?

VOOSH

!!

EIGHT INNER GATES, SIXTH GATE OF JOY!

OPEN!!



...A FRESH NEW LEAF GUY WANTS TO RISK HIS LIFE TO PROTECT.

?!

FOR YOU'RE STILL...

DART DART DART DART DART

DART DART DART DART DART DART

AND YOU TAKE ONE OF MY KUNAI TOO.

LEE, I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE TO SUPPORT AND GUARD GAARA.

...

HE IS FAST.

ZWOOO

SEKIZO, FIRST STEP!!

BÖFFAL

AM

!

BZZP BZZP

BO
SECOND STEP!!
BA
F
M
BO
THIRD STEP!!
B
FOURTH STEP!!
F
F

TAK
DO
DO
BZO
UGGH!!
BZO
CAN'T... MOVE!!
TAK
FIFTH STEP!!
BZO
BZO

WWW

JUST KEEP FORGING ON, GUY, NO MATTER WHAT!!
BZZP
!
HERE HE COMES!!

HUR

DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP

FF
GREAT TIMING, LEE!

SWISH

PA

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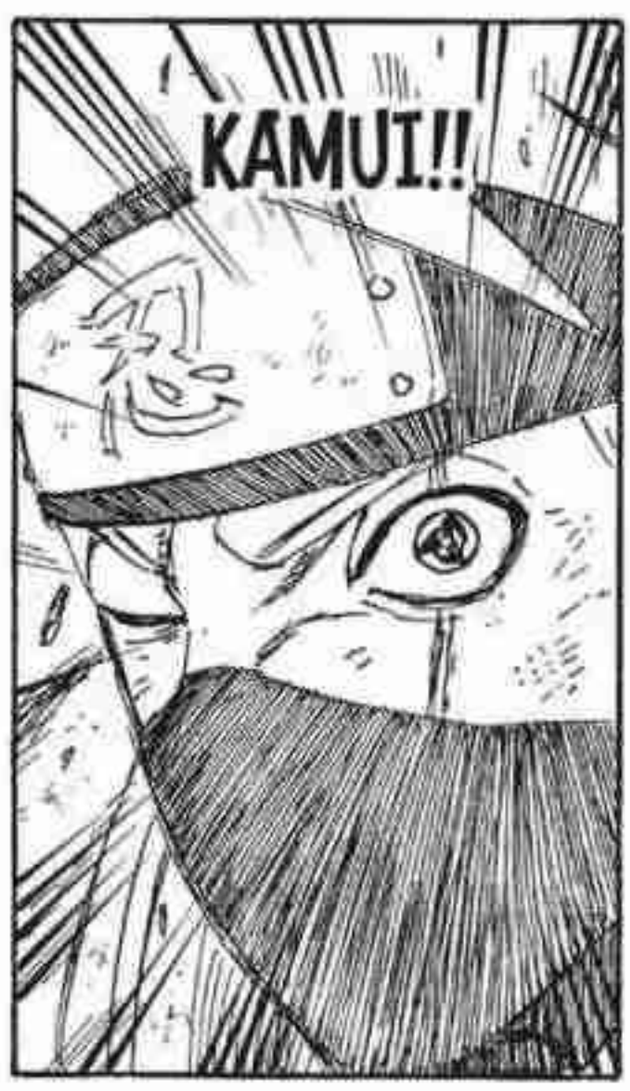
TATATA


KAMUI!!

ZWOP!!

ZW

SH

!!

TH

SPLICH

OK

THD THD THD THD THD
RRRUMBLE...
SSSSKID

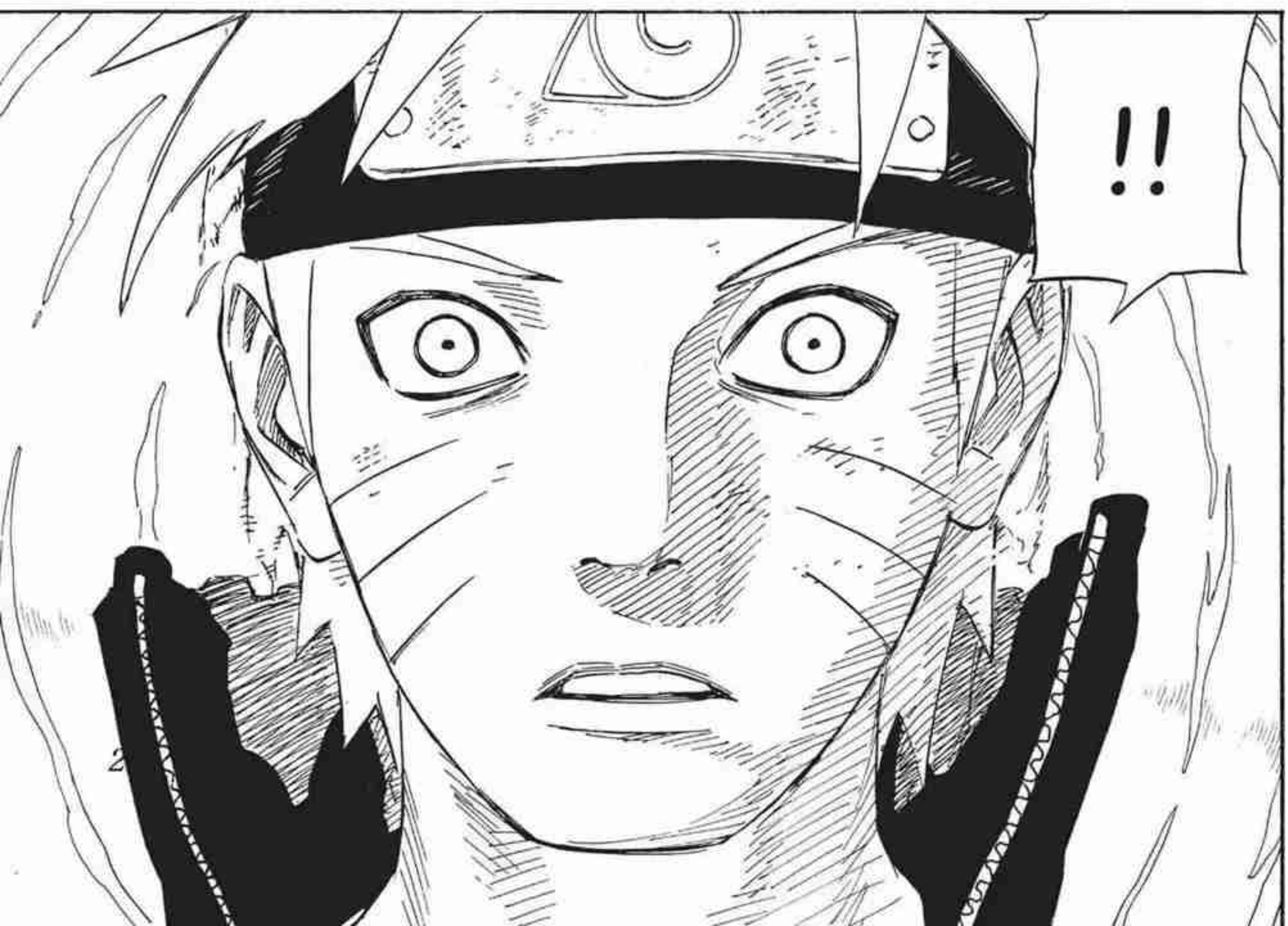
...TO MAKE ME FEEL THIS EXCITED!
YOU'RE THE FIRST SINCE HASHI-RAMA...

HUFF
HUFF

SPLOTCH...

HE GOT UP FROM A SEKIZO BARRAGE...!
GIVE ME SOME MORE FUN!
DRIP...

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MOVES?
YOU CAN STILL DANCE, CAN'T YOU?
FWP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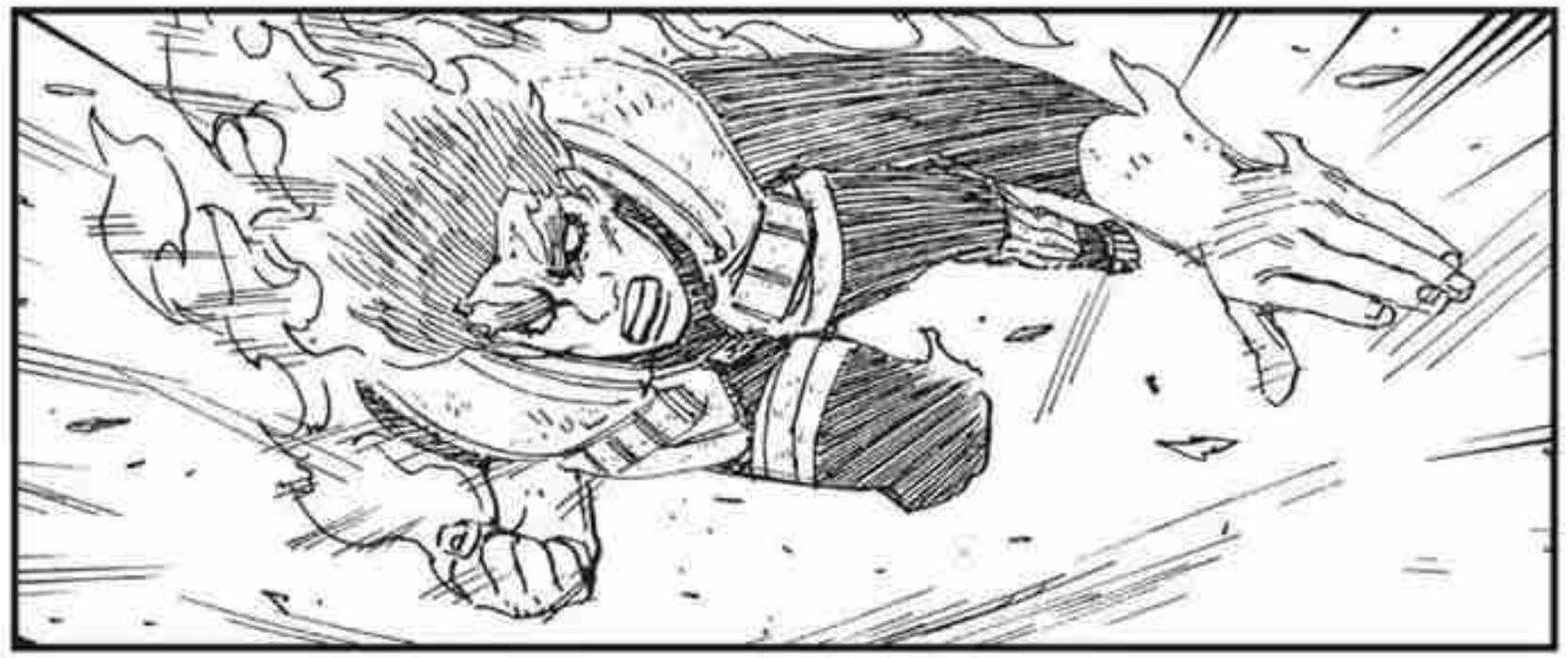

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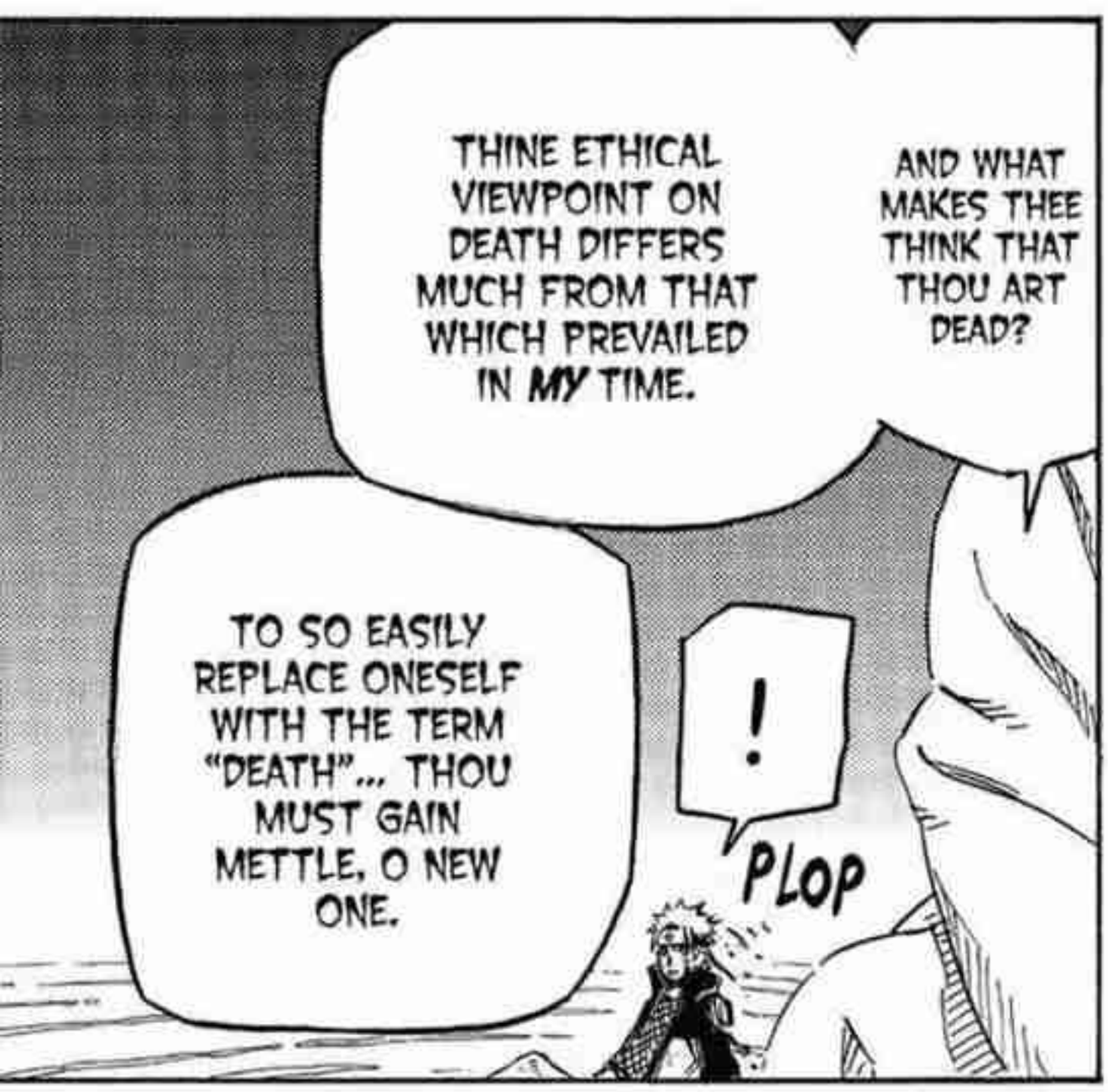
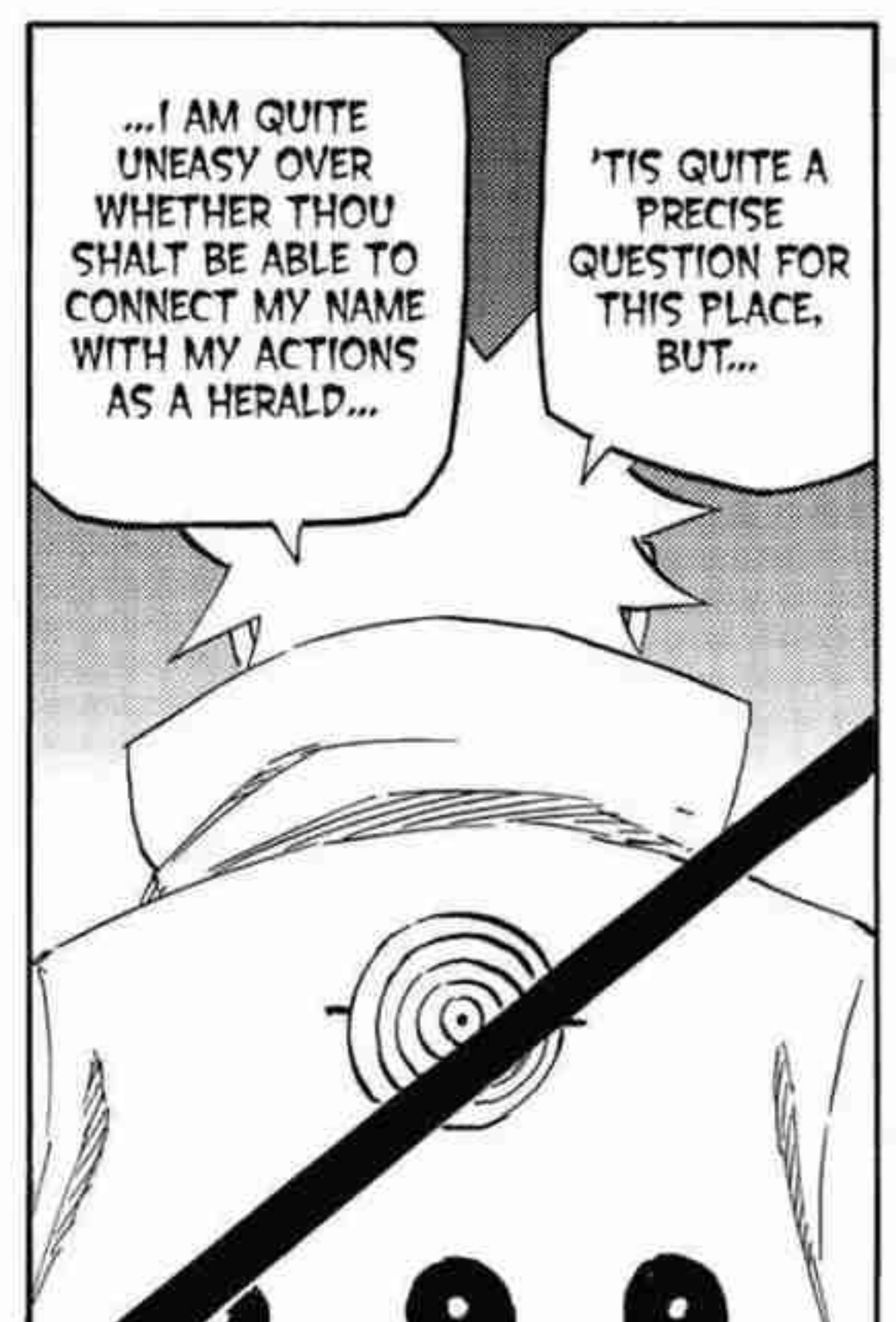




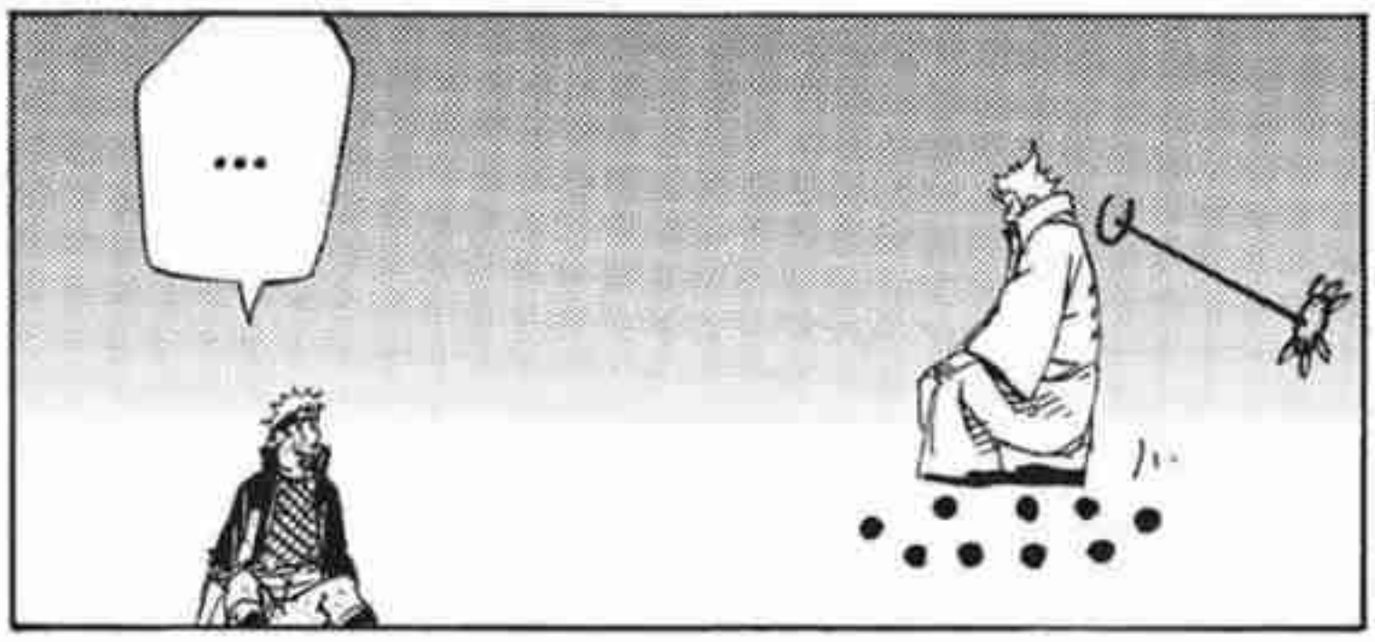
MY NAME IS HAGOROMO.

I AM HE WHO SHALL ACHIEVE PEACE AND ORDER...

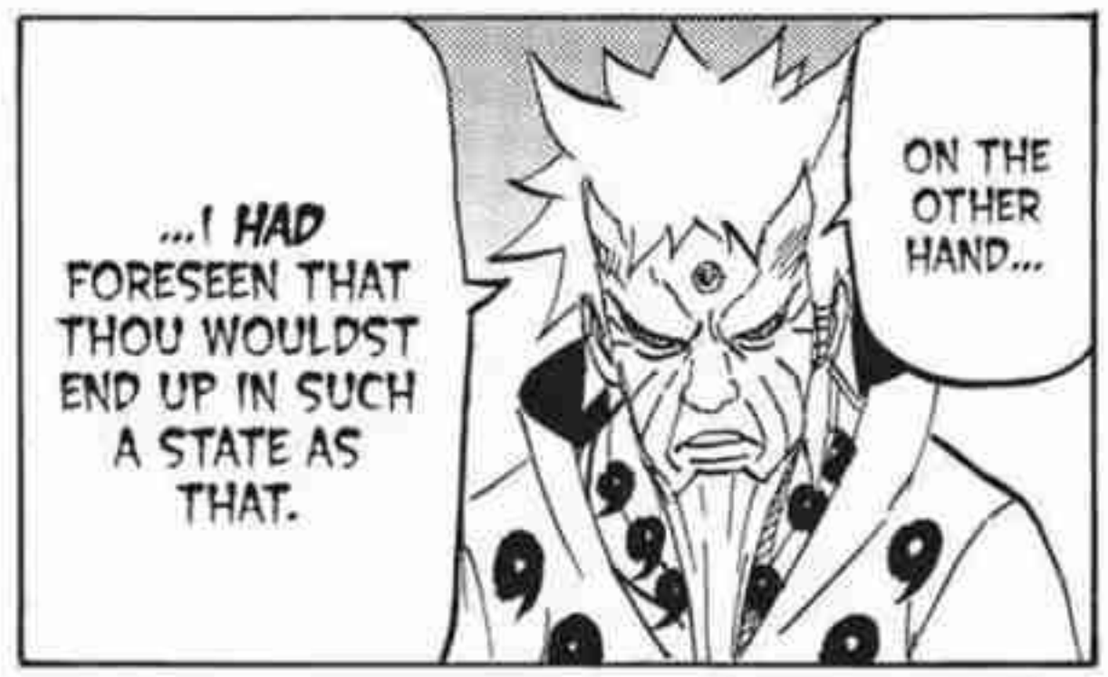
FSH

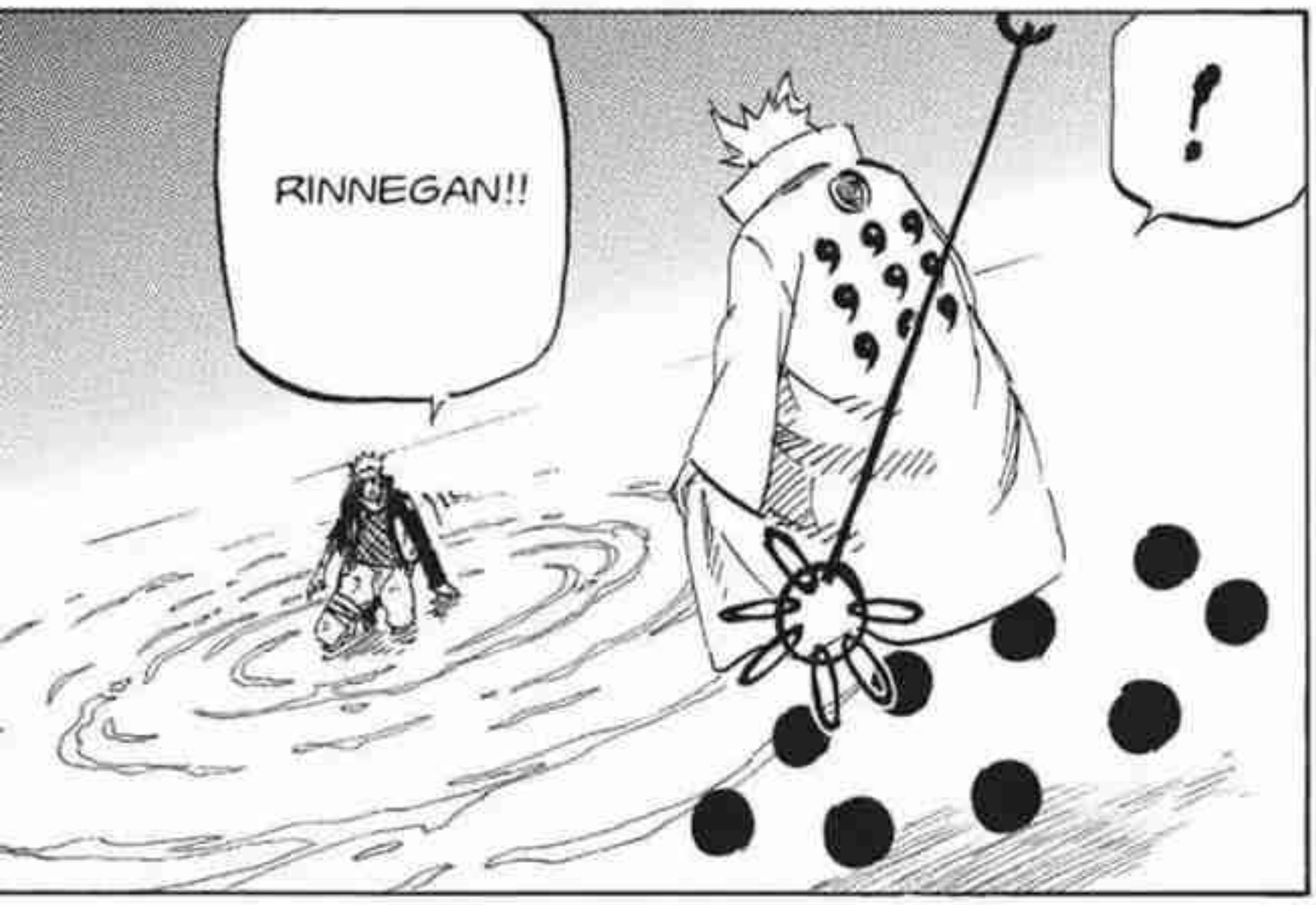
WAFT

WAFT



HE SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THOSE ANNOYING GEEZERS!
UH... I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND WHAT HE'S SAYING...
SORRY, GRAMPS, BUT I...


...I HAD FORESEEN THAT THOU WOULDST END UP IN SUCH A STATE AS THAT.
ON THE OTHER HAND...


RINNEGAN!!
!

NOW THEN...
OH! THOSE EYES!
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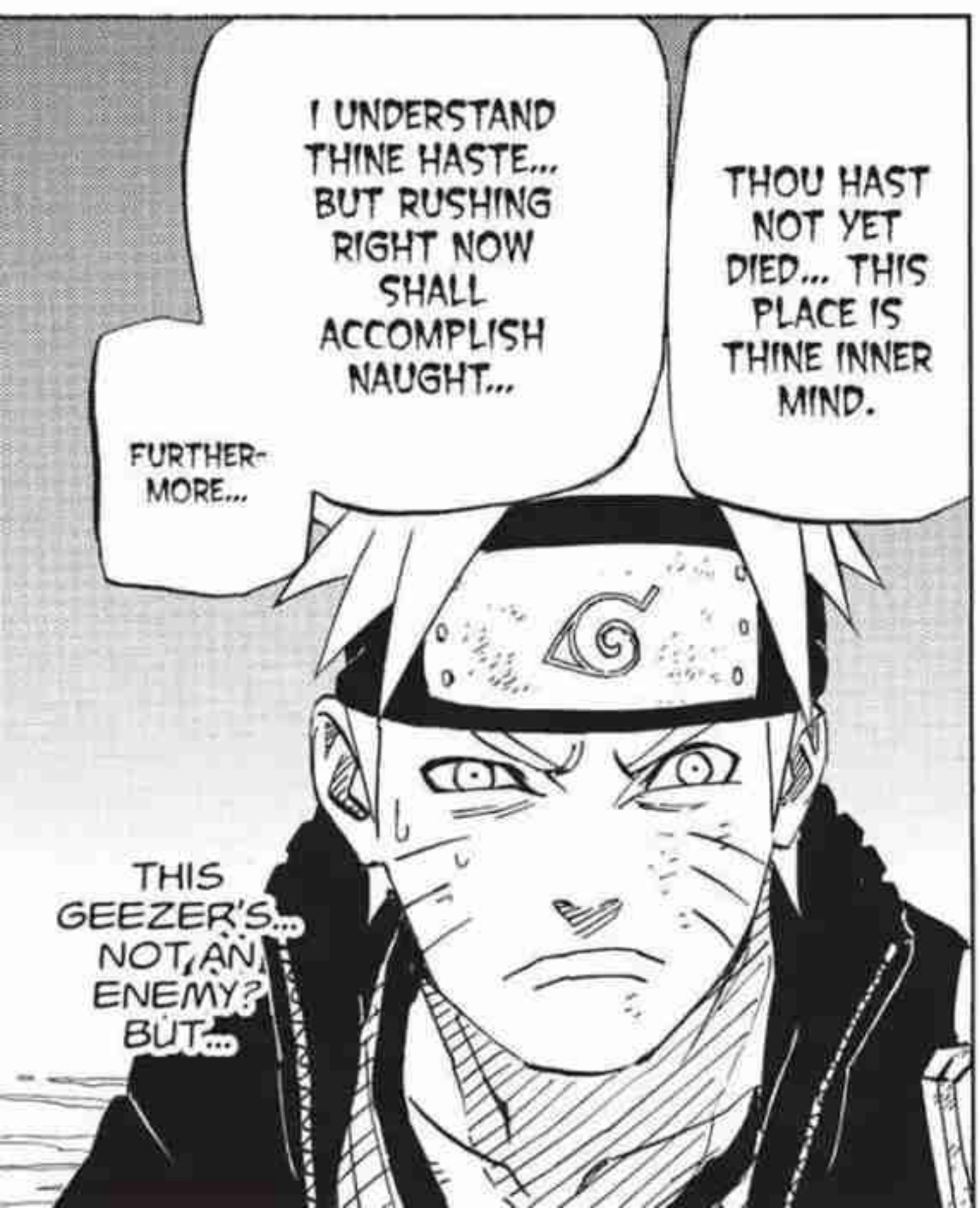

I UNDERSTAND THINE HASTE... BUT RUSHING RIGHT NOW SHALL ACCOMPLISH NAUGHT...
THOU HAST NOT YET DIED... THIS PLACE IS THINE INNER MIND.
FURTHER-MORE...
THIS GEEZER'S... NOT AN ENEMY? BUT...

THOU DOST APPEAR TO POSSESS OBSERVANT EYES.
ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR THEE TO PRAGMATICALLY COMPREHEND THY CIRCUMSTANCES...

CAN'T YOU SPEAK USING EASY, NORMAL WORDS?!!!

A LOT SIMPLER, PLEASE!!

I WAS ALSO ABLE TO FORMALISTICALLY REGULATE AND LEARN NEW MORES AND WORDS, HOWEVER...

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

EACH TIME I CROSS TIME AND MEET A REINCARNATE, I HAVE COME TO SENSE GREATLY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE OTHER...

OVER THE PASSAGE OF MUCH TIME, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND NOTIONS... ETHICS, HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.

I AM AN ANACHRONISM ...

IF COMMUNICATION OF WILLS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN ADDITION TO DIFFICULTY OF DEFINITION...

...BUT THERE IS AMBIGUITY IN SCHOLARSHIP...

NOT JUST SEARCHING FOR WORDS...

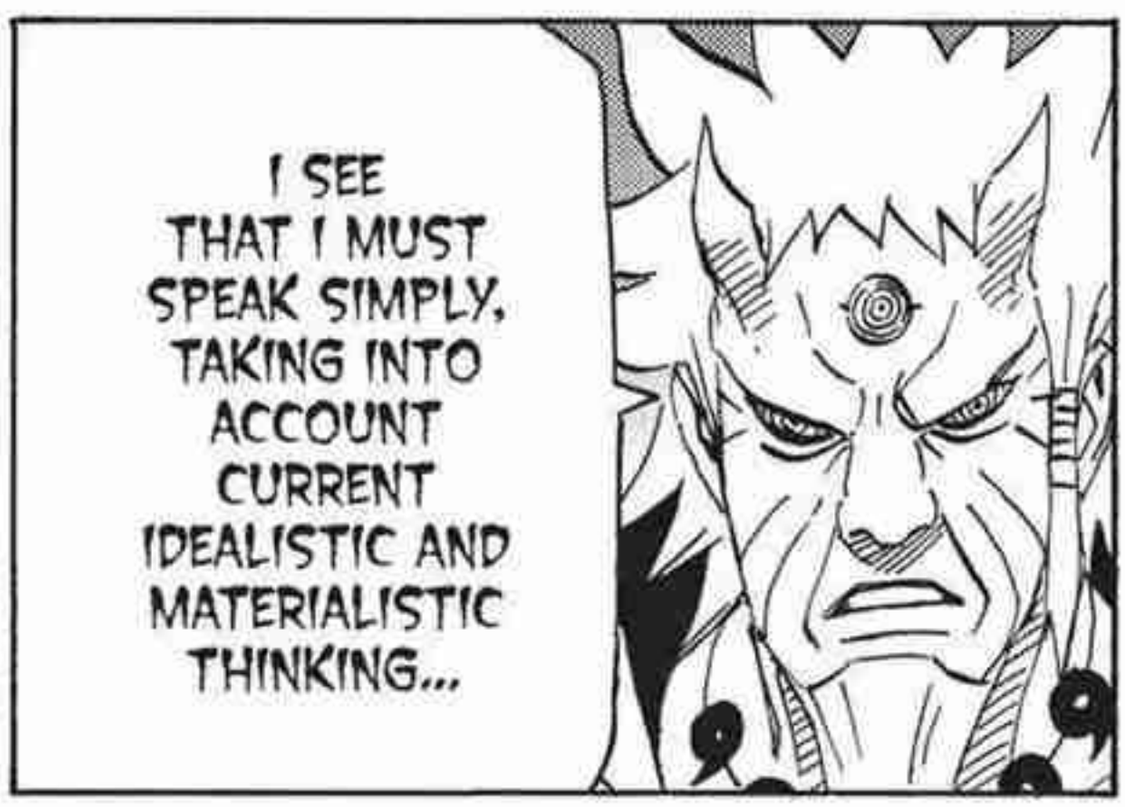
SHADDUP ALREADY!!

GAH!!

ZO

T

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE SITTING AROUND AND LISTENING TO SOME WEIRD GEEZER!!



AN ALIEN? SERIOUSLY? AHA HA!

WELL, MAYBE THAT AIN'T TOO FAR OFF... SO ANYWAY...

UH, THAT'S A BIT MUCH, DONCHA THINK?

I WAS JUST SHOCKED CUZ YOUR SPEAKING STYLE SHIFTED SO MUCH!

I FINALLY GET YOU!

NO, NO! THAT WAS FINE JUST NOW!

THOSE WORDS DON'T MATCH UP WITH YOUR FACE AT ALL, SO IT'S KINDA SUPER-SCARY...

OH! BUT...

AND HE LOSES ALL DIGNITY TOO...

THEN I'LL KEEP GOING LIKE THIS! MUCH PLEASED! ...UH, YEAH!

OH, FOR REAL?

...

WELL... CONSIDERING HOW I WAS TALKING, I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR THINKING THAT...

DUMB? REALLY?!

NOW ***YOU'RE*** GOING TOO FAR, NO?

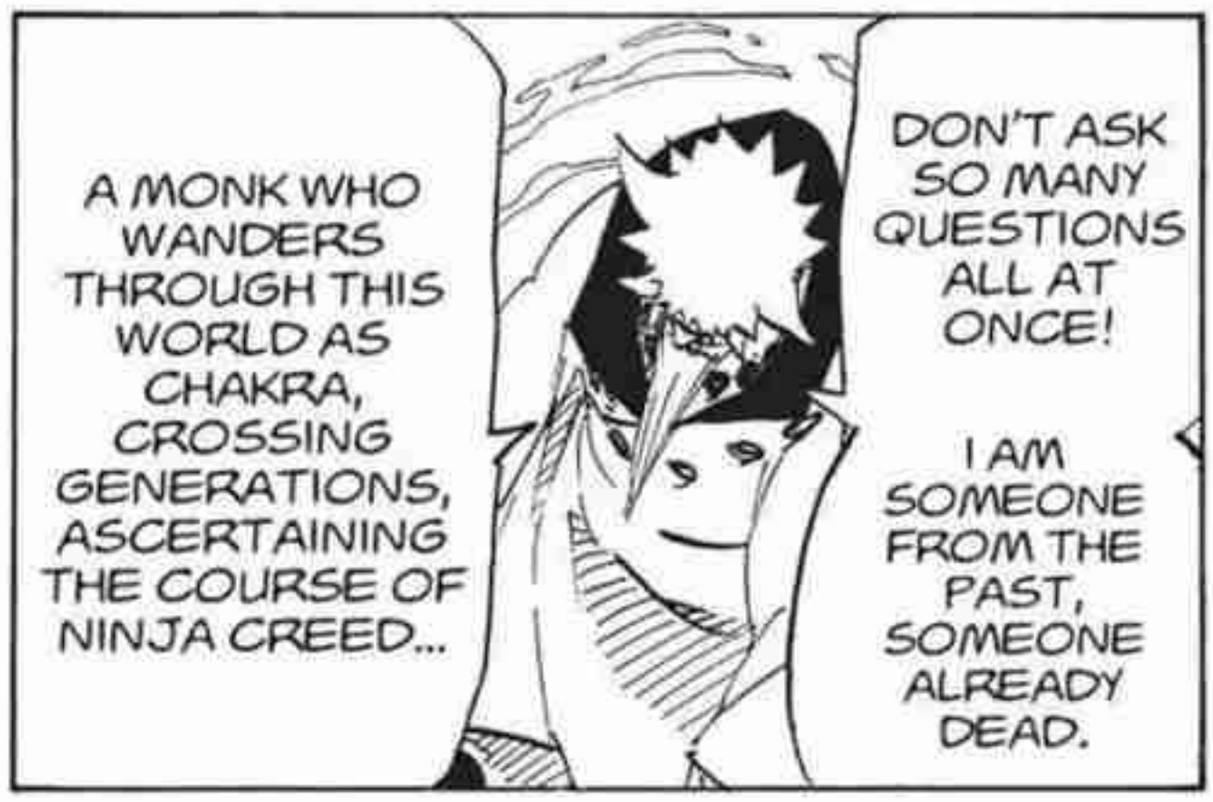
SO... HOW'S THIS, THEN?

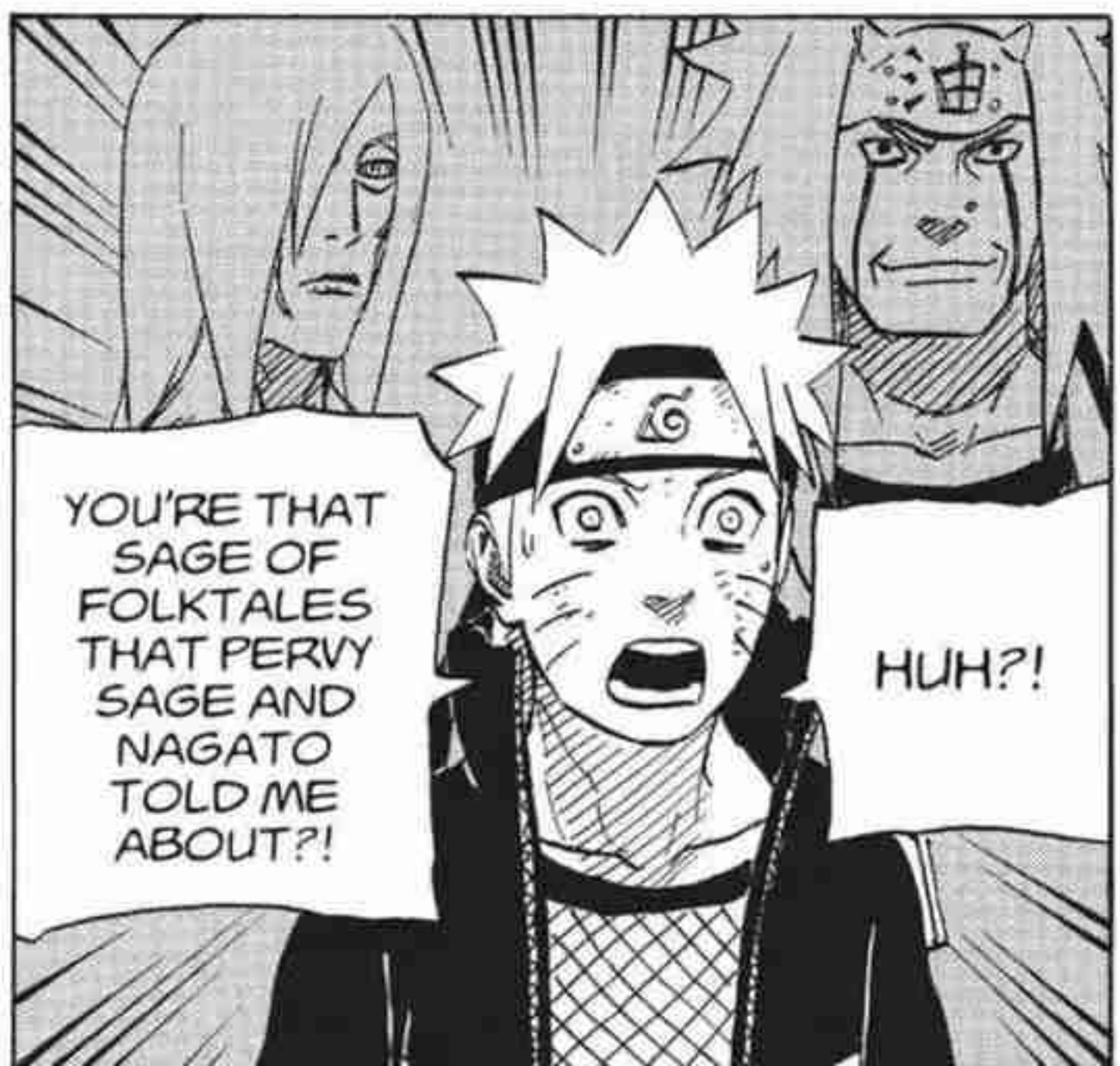
CUZ OTHERWISE YOU COME OFF KINDA DUMB...

I GUESS... IF YOU COULD DIAL IT BACK A TOUCH AND BE JUST A BIT FORMAL...

MY NAME IS HAGOROMO, AND I AM THE FOUNDER OF NINJA CREED.

I AM ALSO KNOWN AS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.





TAP
SPLICH

IN ANY CASE, IF YOU'RE THE SAGE, I'VE GOT TONS OF THINGS I WANNA ASK YOU...
BUT FIRST, RIGHT NOW...

MY NINJA CREED WAS SOMETHING MEANT TO BIRTH HOPE.
DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH NINJUTSU, WHICH BREEDS CONFLICT.
NINSHU, NOT NINJUTSU.
WHAP

WAFT
YOU ARE MY SON, ASHURA'S...

...

!

QUIT SPOUTING NONSENSE AND LEMME OUTTA HERE!!

ASHU... RA? ENTRUST?

THERE ARE THINGS I MUST ENTRUST YOU WITH.

FUH

...IN ANY CASE... RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF CONDITIONS HAVE LINED UP.

!

FSH

I'M STARTING TO NOT UNDERSTAND YOU AGAIN...

IT MEANS THAT RIGHT NOW, TRYING TO RUSH WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE...

THAT DEPENDS ON THE ACTIONS OF THOSE OUTSIDE...

I CAN ONLY *RELAY* THINGS TO YOU...

I APOLOGIZE, BUT THAT IS NOT SOMETHING I CAN AFFECT...

HSSO...

THUS, I'D HAVE YOU LISTEN TO ME... NO, YOU *MUST* HEAR THIS.

TAP

FIRST, ABOUT MY MOTHER AND MY SONS...

THE CHAKRA FRUIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE TREE...

...THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN THIS WAR.

...IN ORDER TO CLAIM THE FRUIT OF THE DIVINE TREE.

MY MOTHER, OHTSUTSUKI KAGUYA, CAME TO THIS LAND OF YOURS FROM A FARAWAY PLACE...

MOTHER WAS POWERFUL... MORE THAN ANY OTHER.

IT MATTERS NOT FROM WHERE SHE CAME...

WHERE'D KAGUYA COME FROM?

...I GUESS ALL MOMS ARE SCARY WHEN THEY'RE MAD!

WAS SHE STRONGER THAN YOU?

KAGUYA CONSUMED THE FRUIT, GAINED POWER, AND SUBDUED THIS LAND.

I WAS ONE OF THEM.

LATER, KAGUYA WOULD BIRTH TWO CHILDREN.

SOME PEOPLE CALLED MOTHER A RABBIT GODDESS, OTHERS CALLED HER A DEMON...

THEY BOTH WORSHIPPED AND FEARED HER.

...BATTLED TEN TAILS, AN INCARNATION OF THE DIVINE TREE... AND SEALED IT INSIDE ME.

WE BROTHERS, TO ATONE FOR THE CRIMES MOTHER LEFT BEHIND...

THE DIVINE TREE, ROBBED OF ITS CHAKRA FRUIT, WENT ON A RAMPAGE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER IT.

I NAMED THE ELDER INDRA, THE YOUNGER ASHURA, AND TAUGHT THEM BOTH NINJA CREED.

AND THEN, MUCH LATER THAN THAT, I TOO HAD TWO CHILDREN.

...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE ONE WILL INHERIT OUTRIGHT EITHER OF THEIR ABILITIES... SOUND FAMILIAR?

...BUT NO MATTER HOW EXCEPTIONAL BOTH PARENTS ARE...

...

...EVEN THOUGH HIS PA'S THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS...

DUNCE, HUH.

...

PERHAPS THIS NEEDN'T BE SAID...

JUST AS IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IN YOUR CASE, NARUTO...

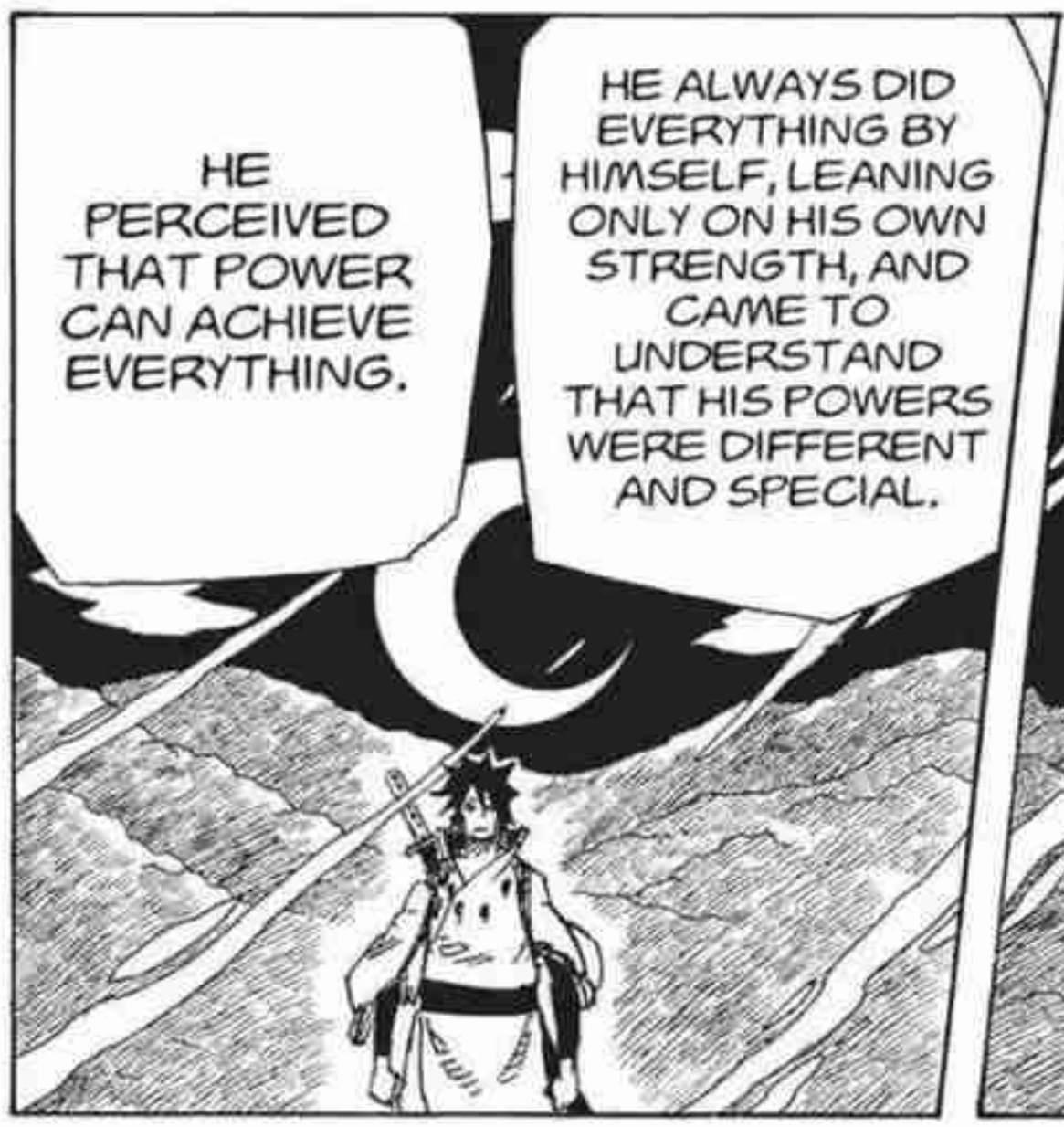
IN YOUR ACTIONS, AS WELL...

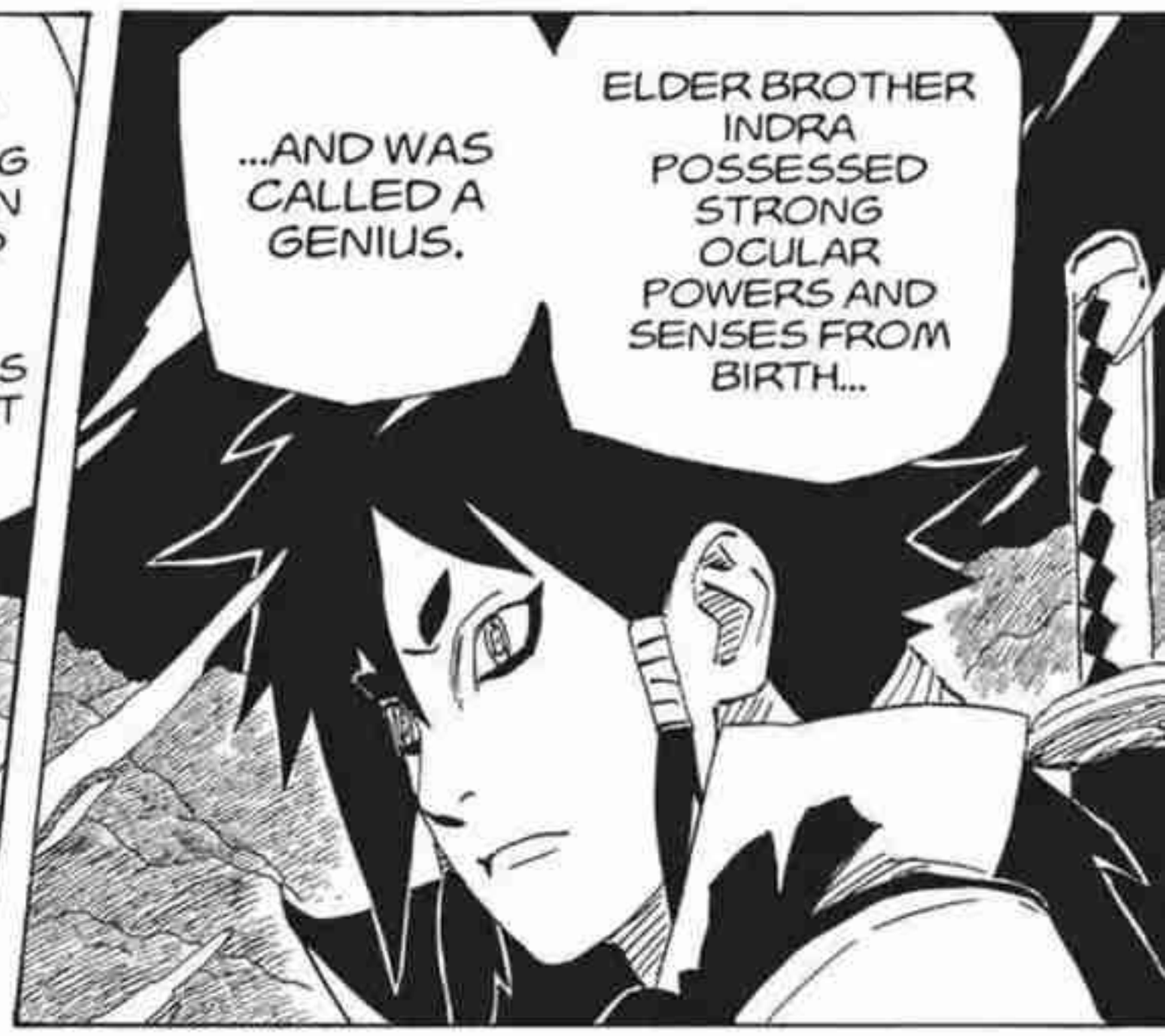
AND YOU ARE TRULY QUITE SIMILAR TO ASHURA...

...I THINK I KINDA KNEW THAT, DEEP INSIDE...

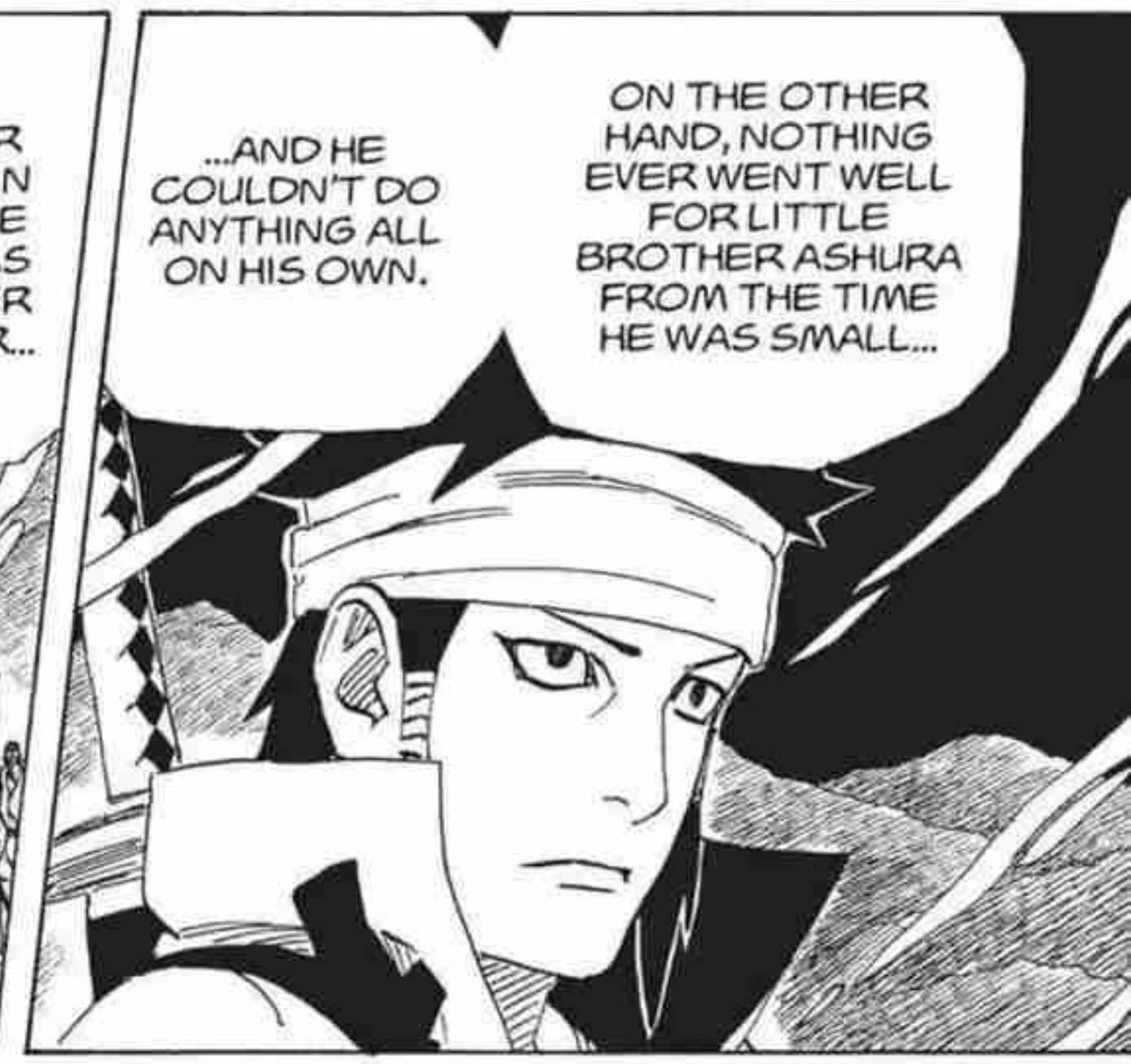
INDRA AND ASHURA WALKED DIFFERENT PATHS.

MY ACTIONS ?
HUH?


HE PERCEIVED THAT POWER CAN ACHIEVE EVERYTHING.
HE ALWAYS DID EVERYTHING BY HIMSELF, LEANING ONLY ON HIS OWN STRENGTH, AND CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS POWERS WERE DIFFERENT AND SPECIAL.


...AND WAS CALLED A GENIUS.
ELDER BROTHER INDRA POSSESSED STRONG OCULAR POWERS AND SENSES FROM BIRTH...

...HE ALWAYS NEEDED THE COOPERATION OF OTHERS IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN EFFORT.
IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE SAME POWER AS HIS OLDER BROTHER...
AND THEN...


...AND HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ALL ON HIS OWN.
ON THE OTHER HAND, NOTHING EVER WENT WELL FOR LITTLE BROTHER ASHURA FROM THE TIME HE WAS SMALL...

HE CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS ABLE TO BECOME STRONG THANKS TO THE COOPERATION AND HELP OF THOSE AROUND HIM.
...WHILE STRUGGLING THROUGH TRAINING, THE POWER OF BODILY CHAKRA AWAKENED WITHIN HIM AND HE ATTAINED POWER RIVALING HIS BROTHER'S.

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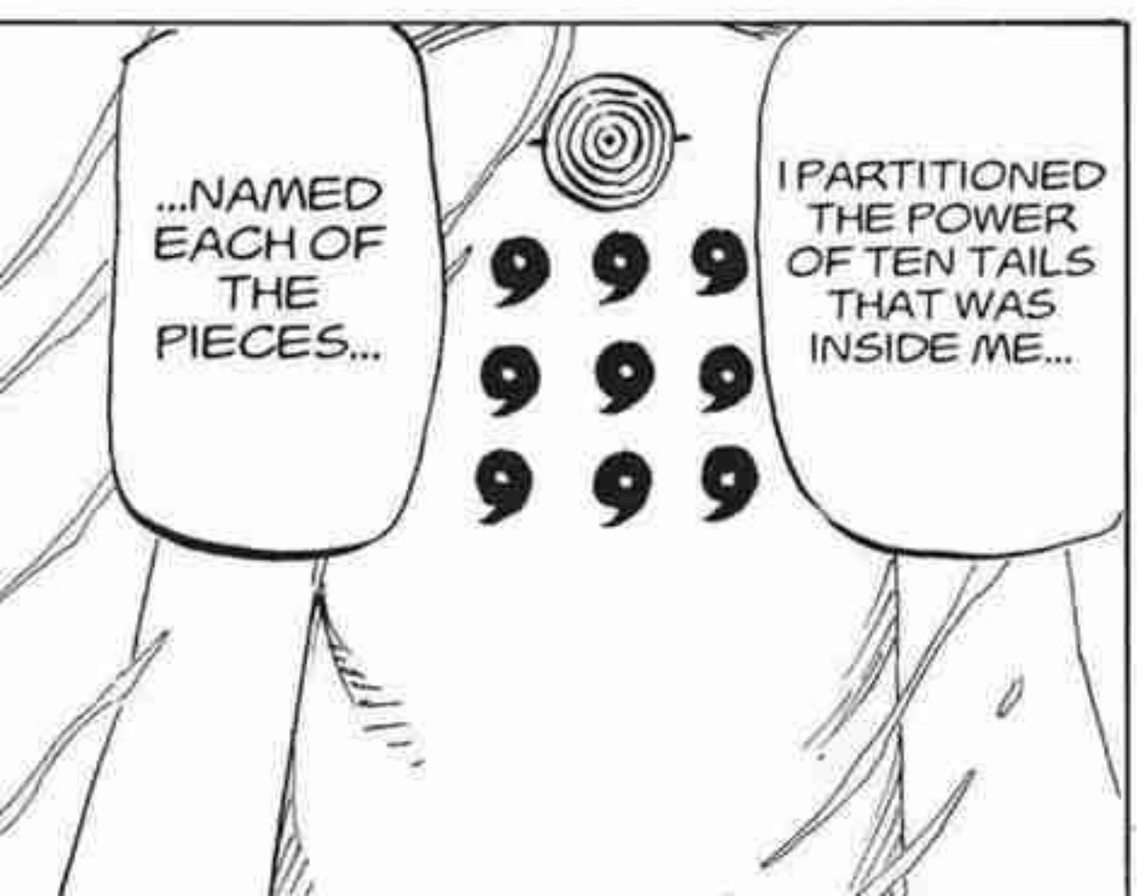
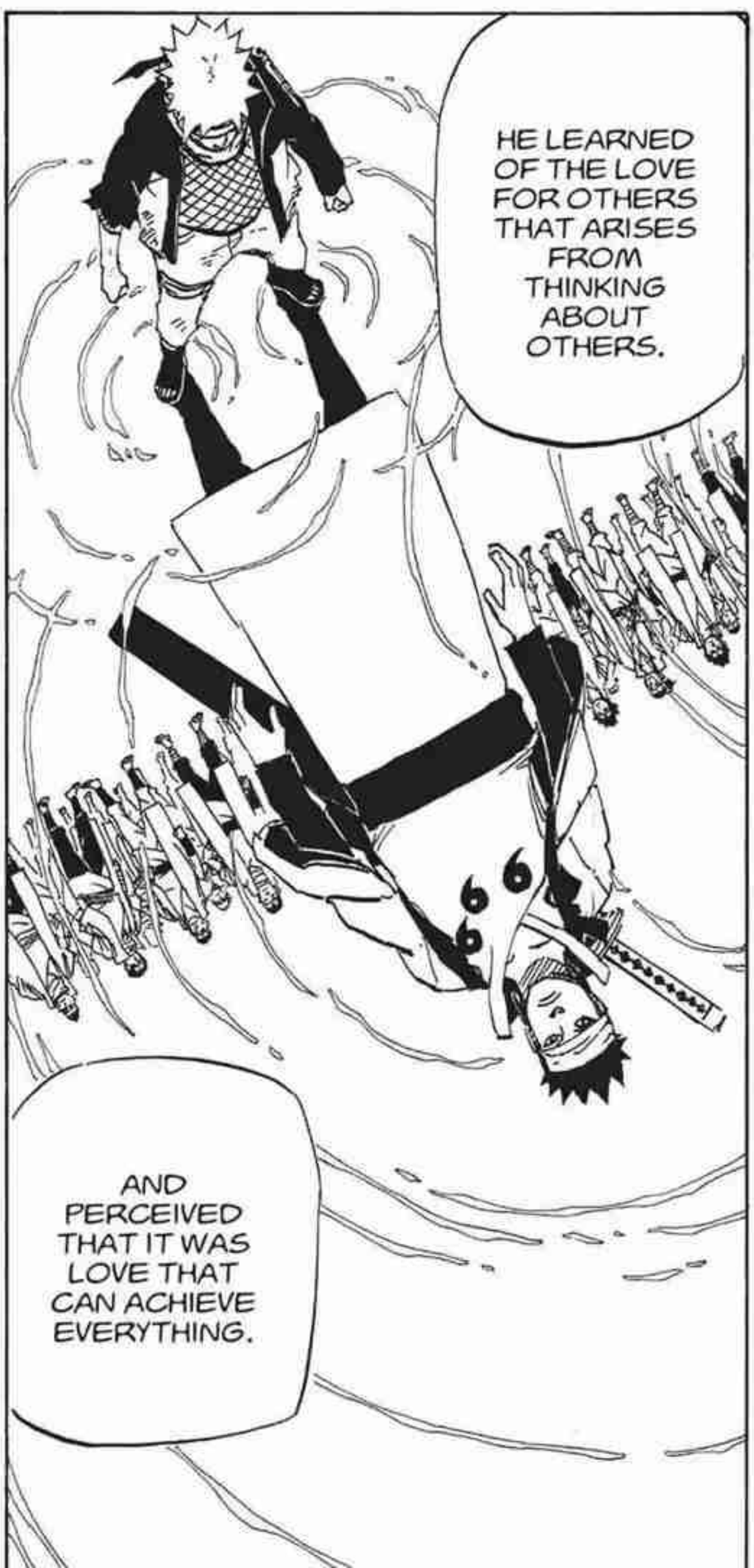
I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF NEW POSSI-BILITIES...
...WITHIN YOUNGER BROTHER ASHURA'S WAY OF LIVING.


...NAMED EACH OF THE PIECES...
I PARTITIONED THE POWER OF TEN TAILS THAT WAS INSIDE ME...


HE LEARNED OF THE LOVE FOR OTHERS THAT ARISES FROM THINKING ABOUT OTHERS.
AND PERCEIVED THAT IT WAS LOVE THAT CAN ACHIEVE EVERYTHING.

...AND BELIEVED THAT THE BOND KNOWN AS ***COOPERATION*** WAS ***TRUE POWER.***

THINKING THAT OLDER BROTHER INDRA WOULD COOPERATE WITH HIS YOUNGER BROTHER.

I THEN NAMED YOUNGER BROTHER ASHURA LEADER AND GUARDIAN OF NINJA CREED.

HOW-EVER...

NOD

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AND THUS, FROM THAT DAY ON, THIS INTERMINABLE CONFLICT...

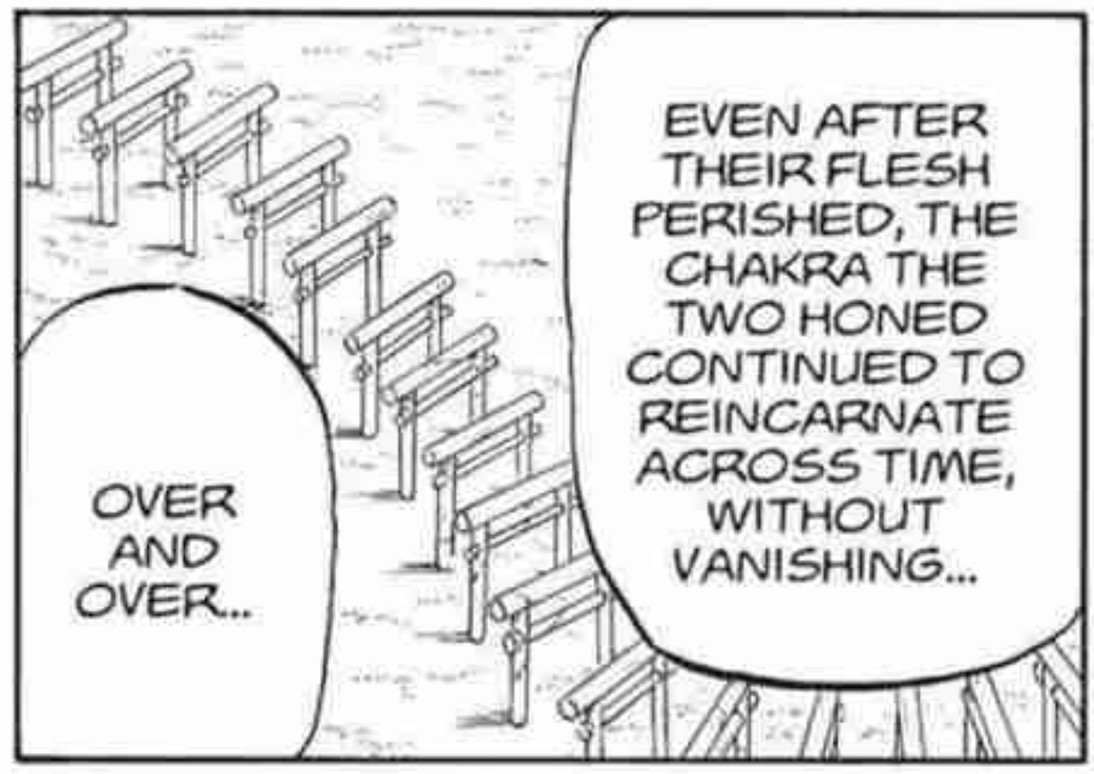
INDRA DID NOT ACCEPT MY DECISION.

?

...BEGAN.

YOU, NARUTO.

SO... IT'S STILL POSSESSING SOMEONE EVEN NOW?
IT KINDA SOUNDS LIKE BEING HAUNTED BY A GHOST.


OVER AND OVER...
EVEN AFTER THEIR FLESH PERISHED, THE CHAKRA THE TWO HONED CONTINUED TO REINCARNATE ACROSS TIME, WITHOUT VANISHING...

ASHURA HAS REINCARNATED AS YOU.
?!

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A SPRING WHIRLWIND!! TIME FOR NEW POWER TO BLOOM!! COLOR COVER!!

HEAVEN AND EARTH, YIN AND YANG, POLAR SPIRITS NOW CROSS PATHS.....!!

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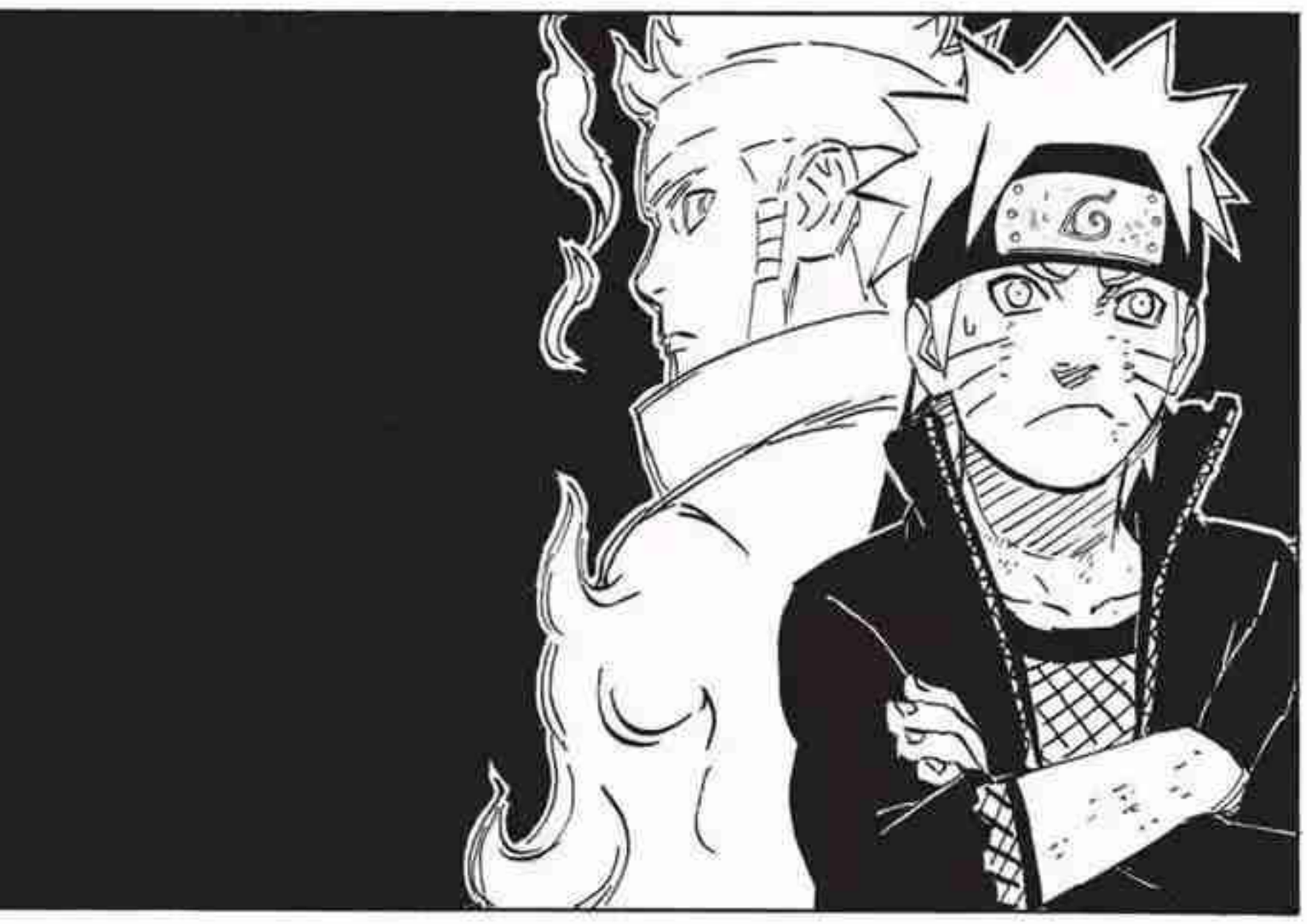
NARUTO



...CAN CLEARLY SEE ASHURA'S CHAKRA CLINGING ABOUT YOU.
THESE EYES OF MINE...

...

...PERHAPS YOU'VE ACTUALLY SENSED...
CONSIDERING YOUR LACK OF SURPRISE...
...LITTLE BROTHER ASHURA'S PRESENCE INSIDE YOU?

...
COULD THAT BE...

...

...WHO THE REINCARNATE OF BIG BROTHER INDRA IS...
AS I SURMISED ...
THEN YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ALREADY...

SASUKE...

MADARA WAS THERE TOO!
IT WOULDN'T HAVE GONE THAT EASILY... BESIDES...

SASUKE WAS GREATLY WEAKENED FROM HIS FIGHTS AT THE GOKAGE SUMMIT... AND AGAINST DANZO.
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST FINISH HIM OFF WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE?

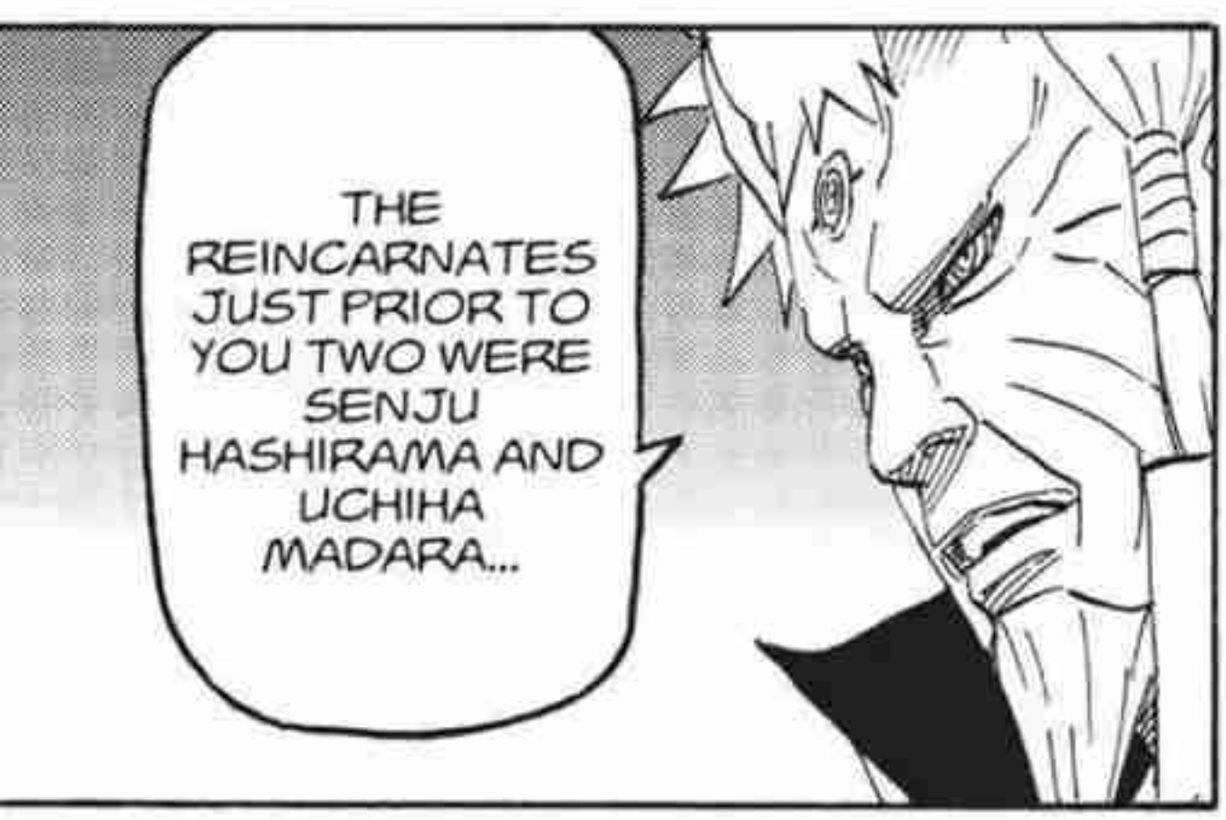
YOU CAN'T BEAT SASUKE JUST BY BEING STRONG...
THAT'S NOT THE POINT...
NOW I KNOW...

NARUTO... YOU'RE REALLY STRONG. YOU'RE THE HERO THAT TOOK DOWN PAIN, REMEMBER?!
THAT'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR LETTING HIM GET AWAY!
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO...

...RIGHT?

INSIDE HIM TOO IS...

SO YOU WERE AWARE.
INDEED.


THE REINCARNATES JUST PRIOR TO YOU TWO WERE SENJU HASHIRAMA AND UCHIHA MADARA...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
YOU MADE IT SOUND LIKE THERE'S BEEN OTHER...
...ER... REIN-CARNATES BEFORE ME AND SASUKE, BUT...

YOU KNOW HOW THEY ENDED UP, DON'T YOU?
HASHIRAMA WAS ASHURA, AND MADARA, INDRA.

HE WAS SO OBSESSED WITH POWER THAT HE STOLE SOME OF HASHIRAMA'S.

THOUGH MADARA CREATED A CERTAIN PROBLEM BEFORE HE FINISHED BEING A REINCARNATE.

THAT'S RIGHT, THE AWAKENING OF THE RINNEGAN.

...AND RESULTED IN THE DERIVATION OF MY OWN CHAKRA'S POWER.

WHICH, IN SHORT, CAUSED THE MERGING OF PART OF ASHURA'S CHAKRA WITH INDRA'S CHAKRA...

THOUGH IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MEANINGLESS...

WHICH IS WHY I LEFT BEHIND THAT STONE TABLET, WITH GUIDANCE ON REFORMING ONE'S THINKING.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SUCH A FELLOW WOULD APPEAR AMONG EITHER INDRA OR HIS REINCARNATES.

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SO YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR...

...KIDS' QUARRELS FOREVER AND EVER, SUPER-GRAMPS SAGE?

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*SIGN: UCHIHA

HUH...

...

I SUPPOSE... YOU COULD SAY THAT.
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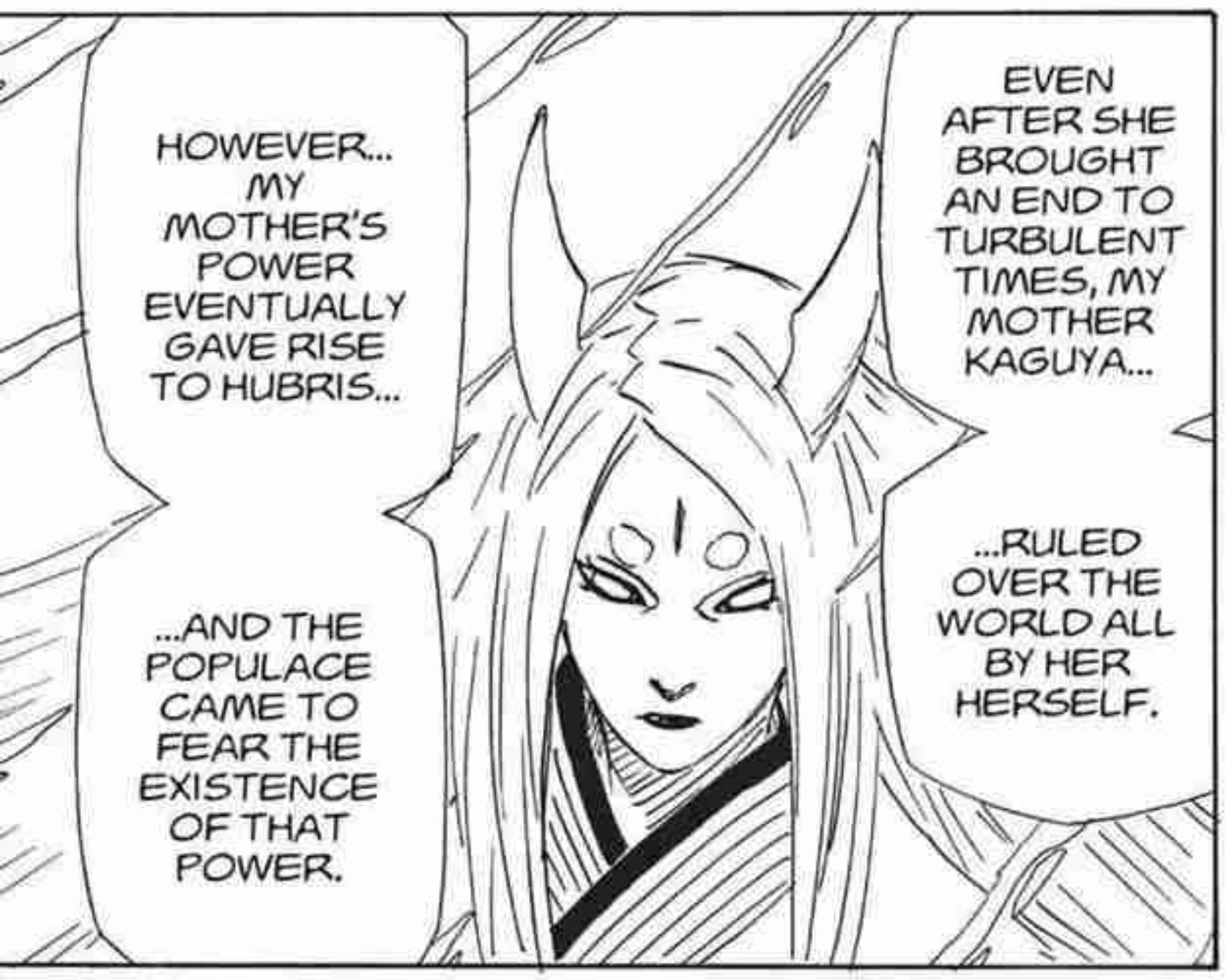
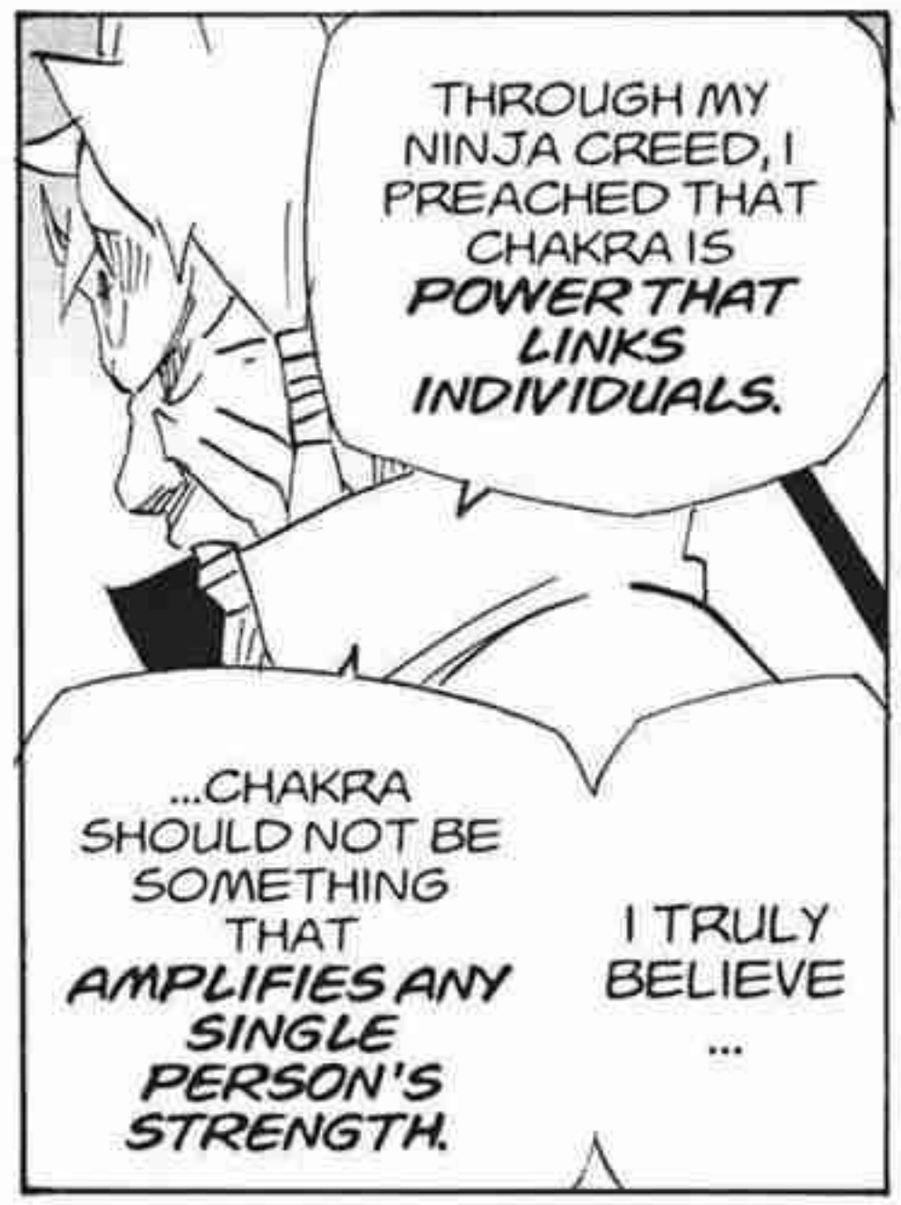
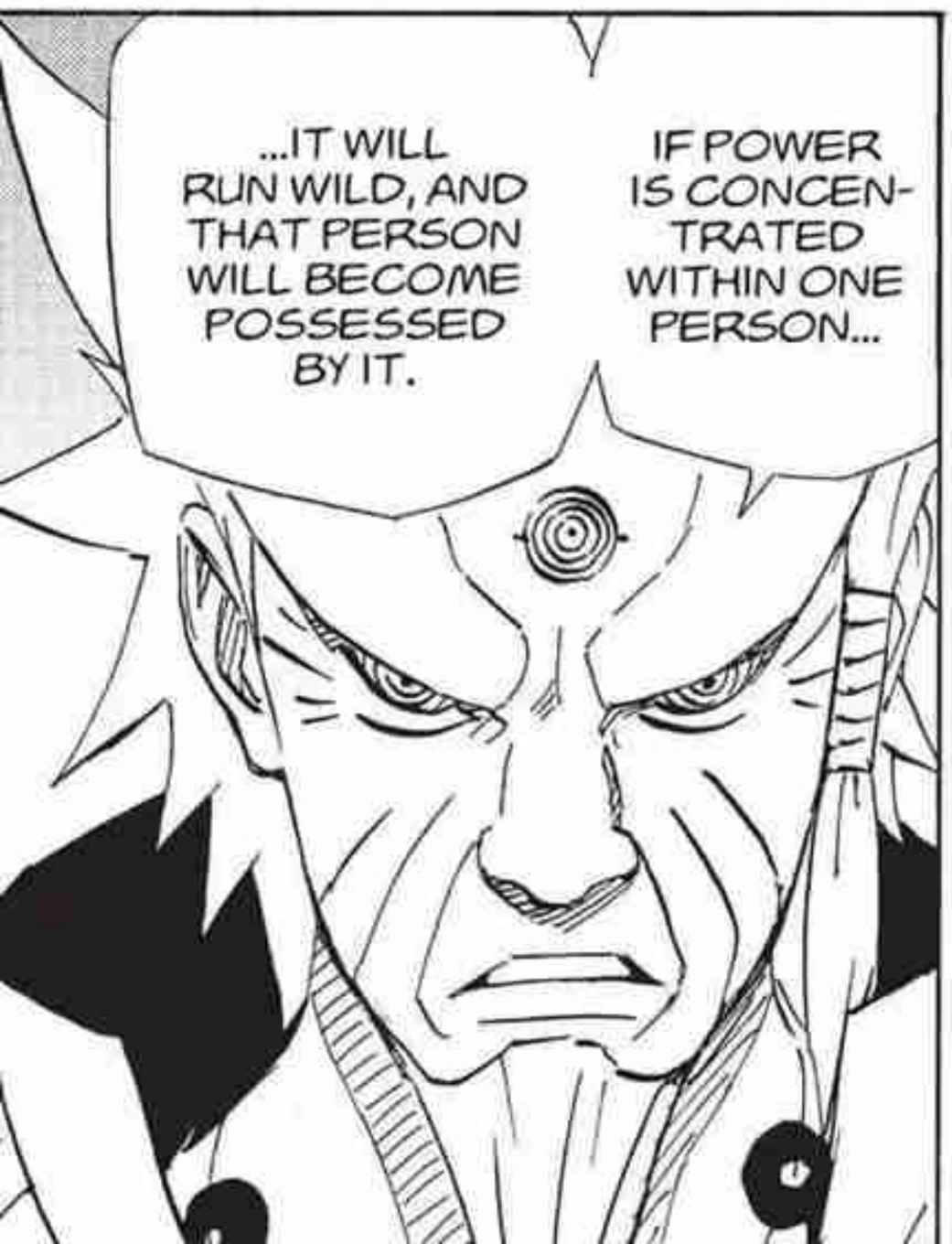
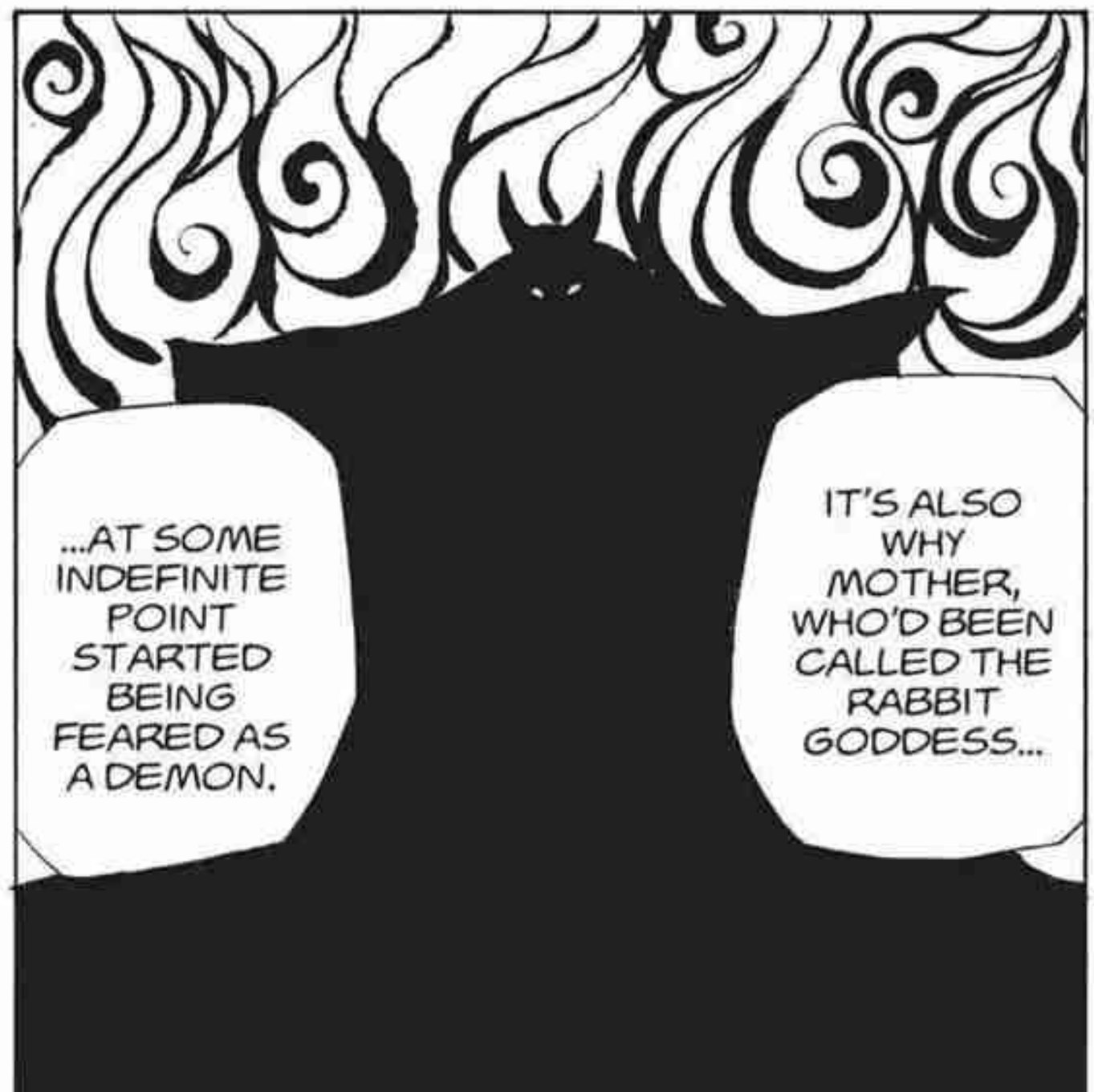

HOWEVER... MY MOTHER'S POWER EVENTUALLY GAVE RISE TO HUBRIS...
...AND THE POPULACE CAME TO FEAR THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER.
EVEN AFTER SHE BROUGHT AN END TO TURBULENT TIMES, MY MOTHER KAGUYA...
...RULED OVER THE WORLD ALL BY HER HERSELF.


THROUGH MY NINJA CREED, I PREACHED THAT CHAKRA IS POWER THAT LINKS INDIVIDUALS.
...CHAKRA SHOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT AMPLIFIES ANY SINGLE PERSON'S STRENGTH.
I TRULY BELIEVE ...

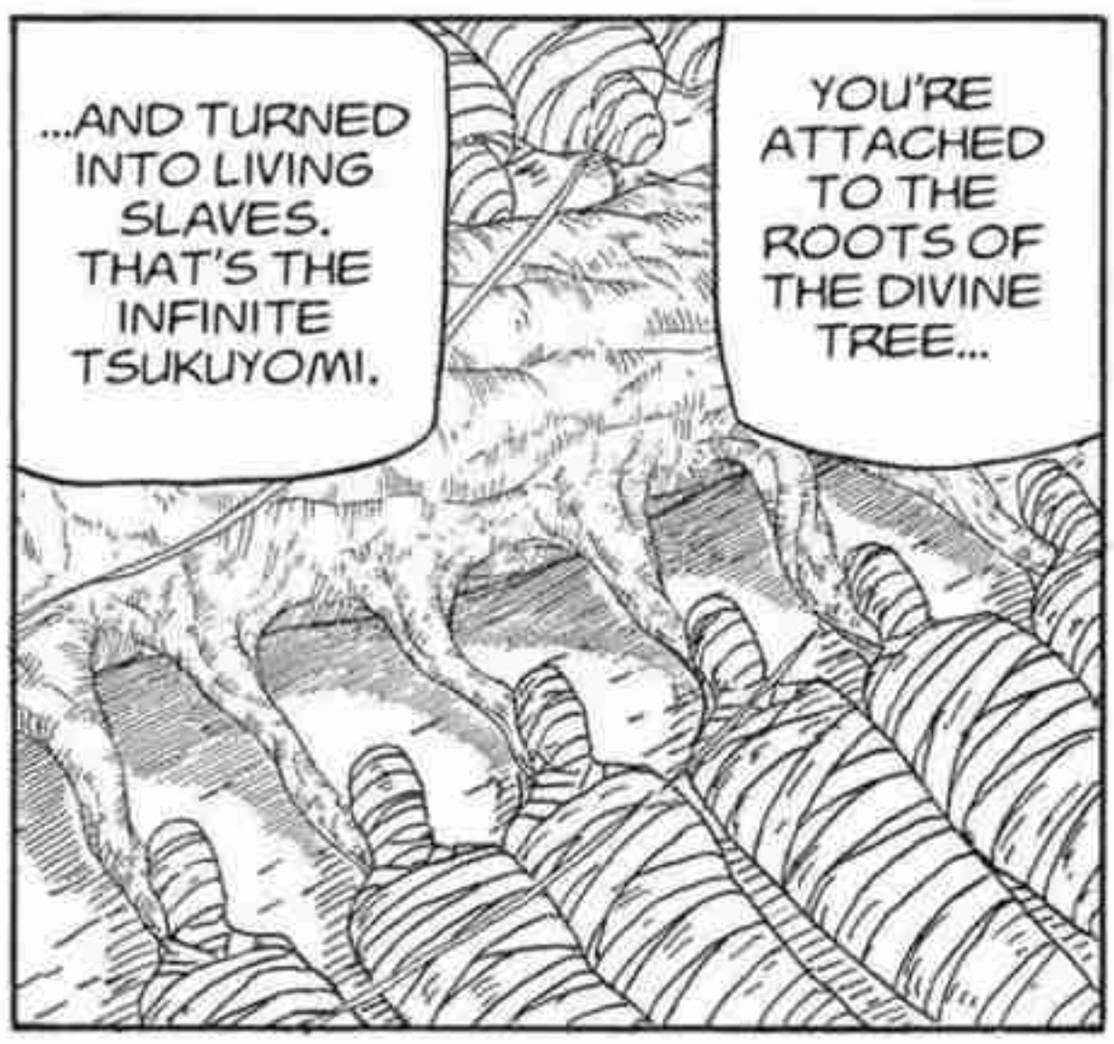

...IT WILL RUN WILD, AND THAT PERSON WILL BECOME POSSESSED BY IT.
IF POWER IS CONCEN-TRATED WITHIN ONE PERSON...

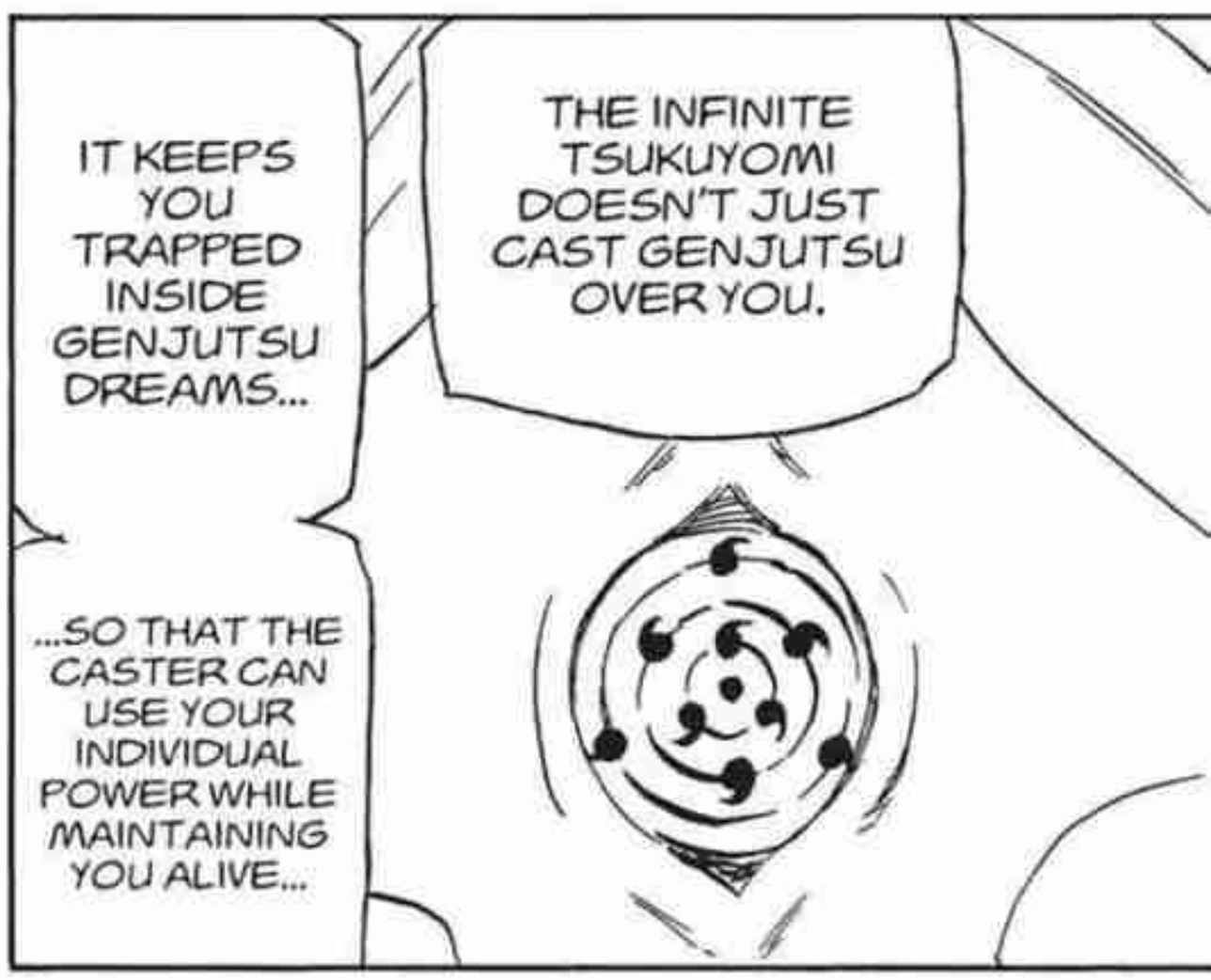

...AT SOME INDEFINITE POINT STARTED BEING FEARED AS A DEMON.
IT'S ALSO WHY MOTHER, WHO'D BEEN CALLED THE RABBIT GODDESS...

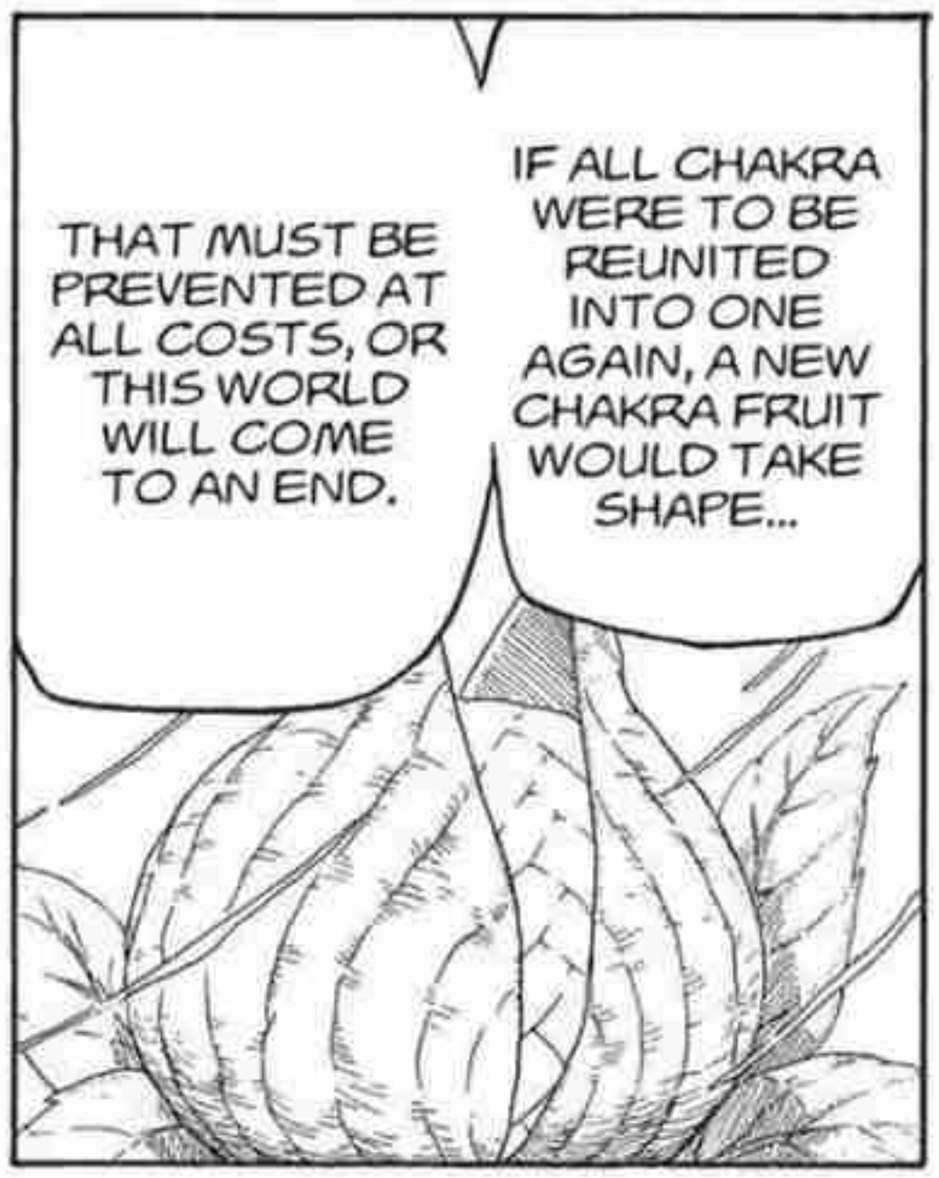
NOW, NO LONGER INDRA'S REINCARNATE, HE'S OBTAINED TEN TAILS' POWER AND IS GETTING CLOSE TO ME...

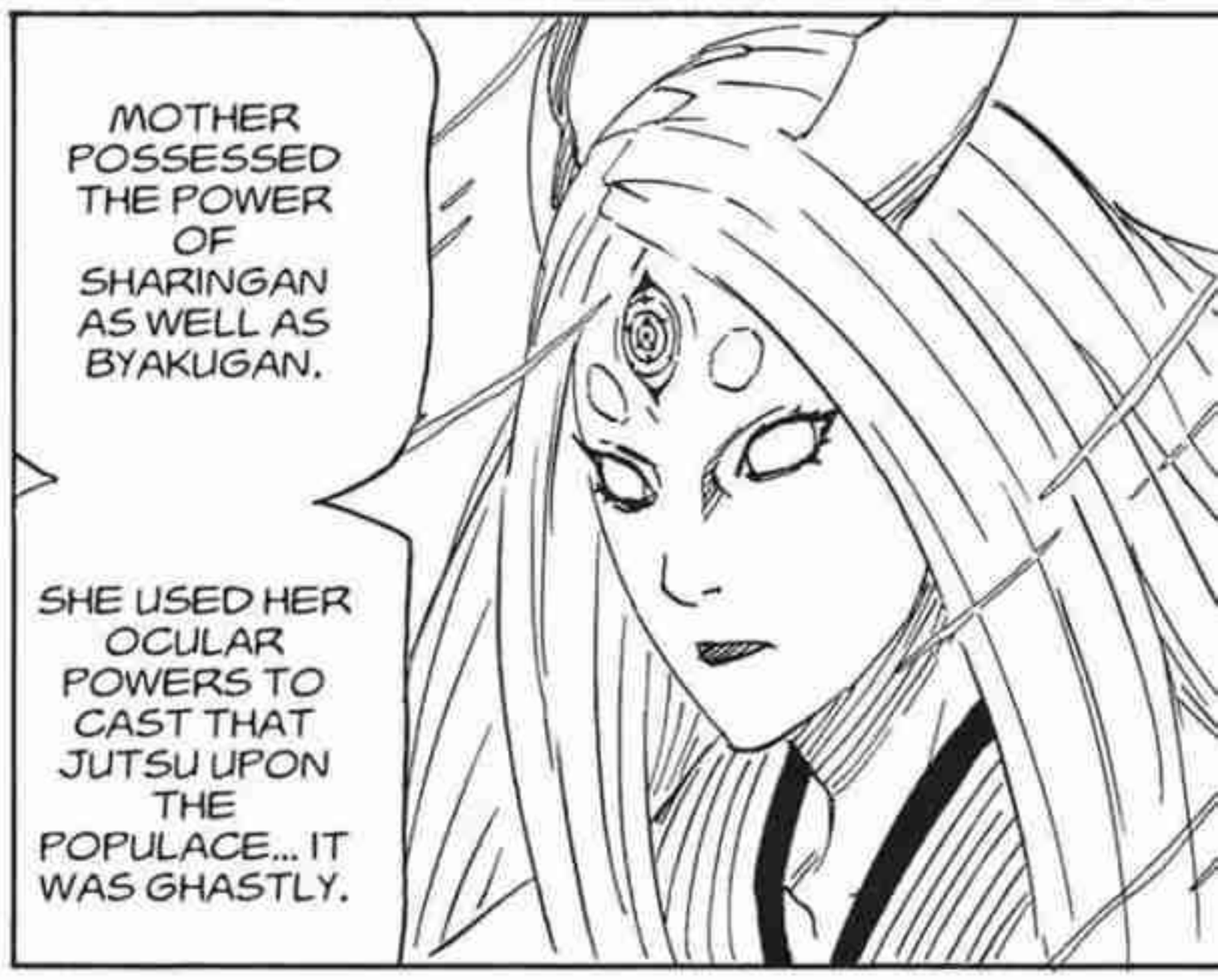
...AND IS TRYING TO ATTAIN EVEN MY MOTHER KAGUYA'S POWER.

THE CURRENT MADARA IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE... HE'S BECOME JUST LIKE MOTHER.









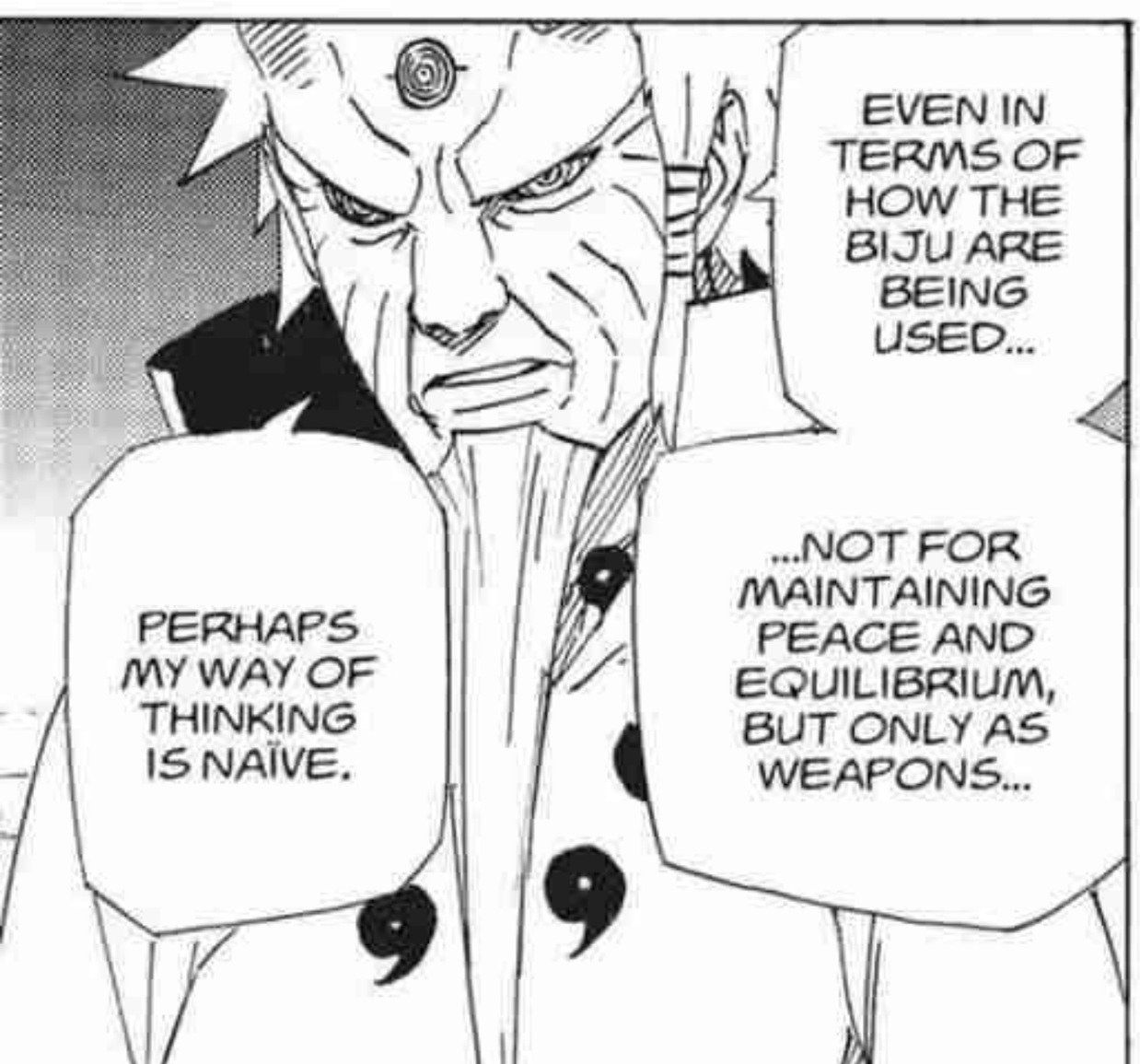
YOUR SLIGHTLY DUMB, MAVERICK NATURE, SO UNLIKE THAT OF THE PREVIOUS REINCARNATES... I FEEL THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THERE.
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO STOP MADARA.

...

...

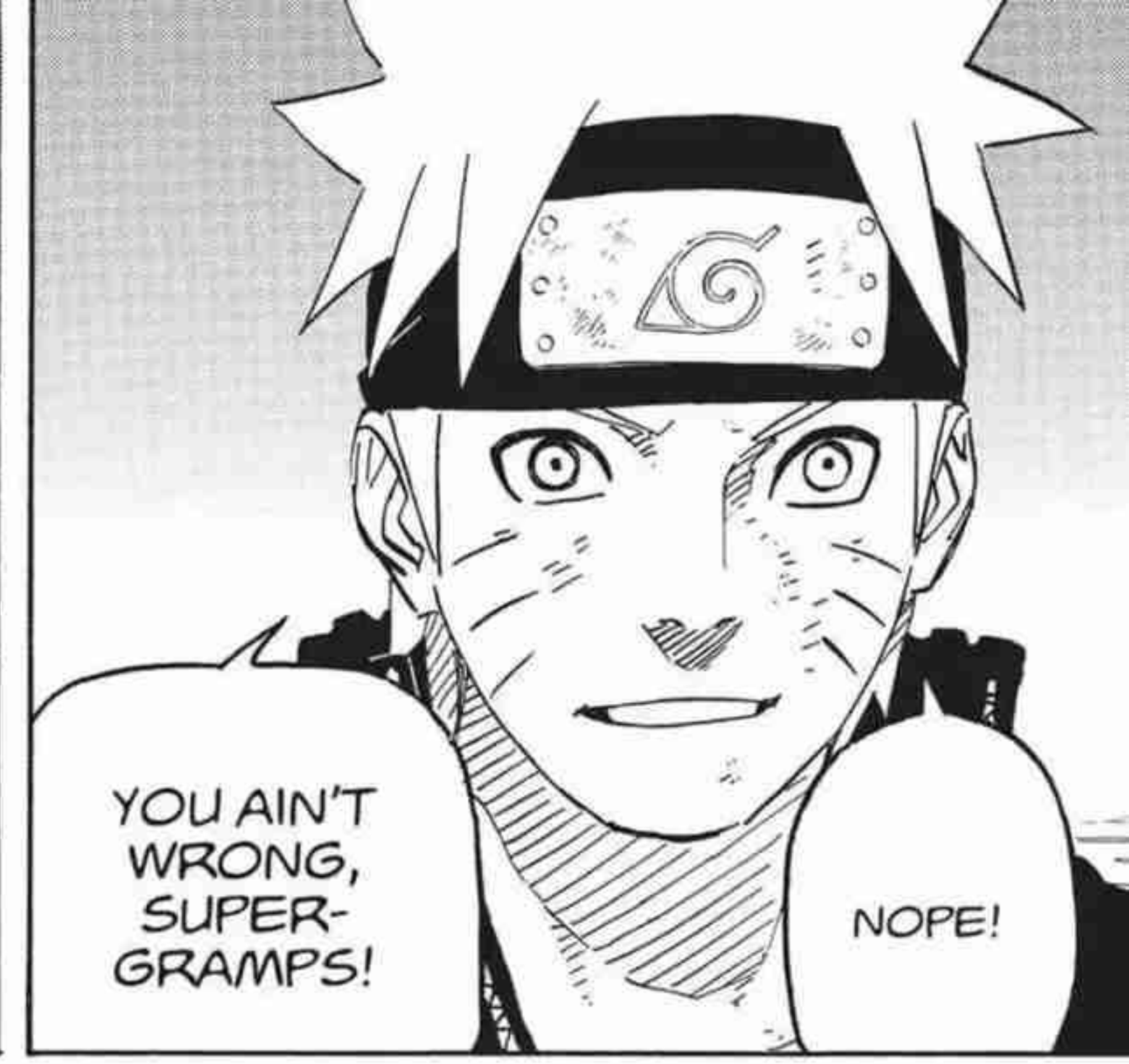
...HAS GOTTEN ALL MESSED UP LIKE THIS.
THANKS FOR STILL BELIEVING IN US, EVEN WHILE THE WORLD YOU'VE WATCHED OVER FOR SO LONG, EVEN AFTER YOU DIED...

IF THE CURRENT WORLD DESIRES INDRA'S...
...OR RATHER, MOTHER'S WAY OF DOING THINGS...
DON'T THANK ME... I'VE NO RIGHT TO IT.

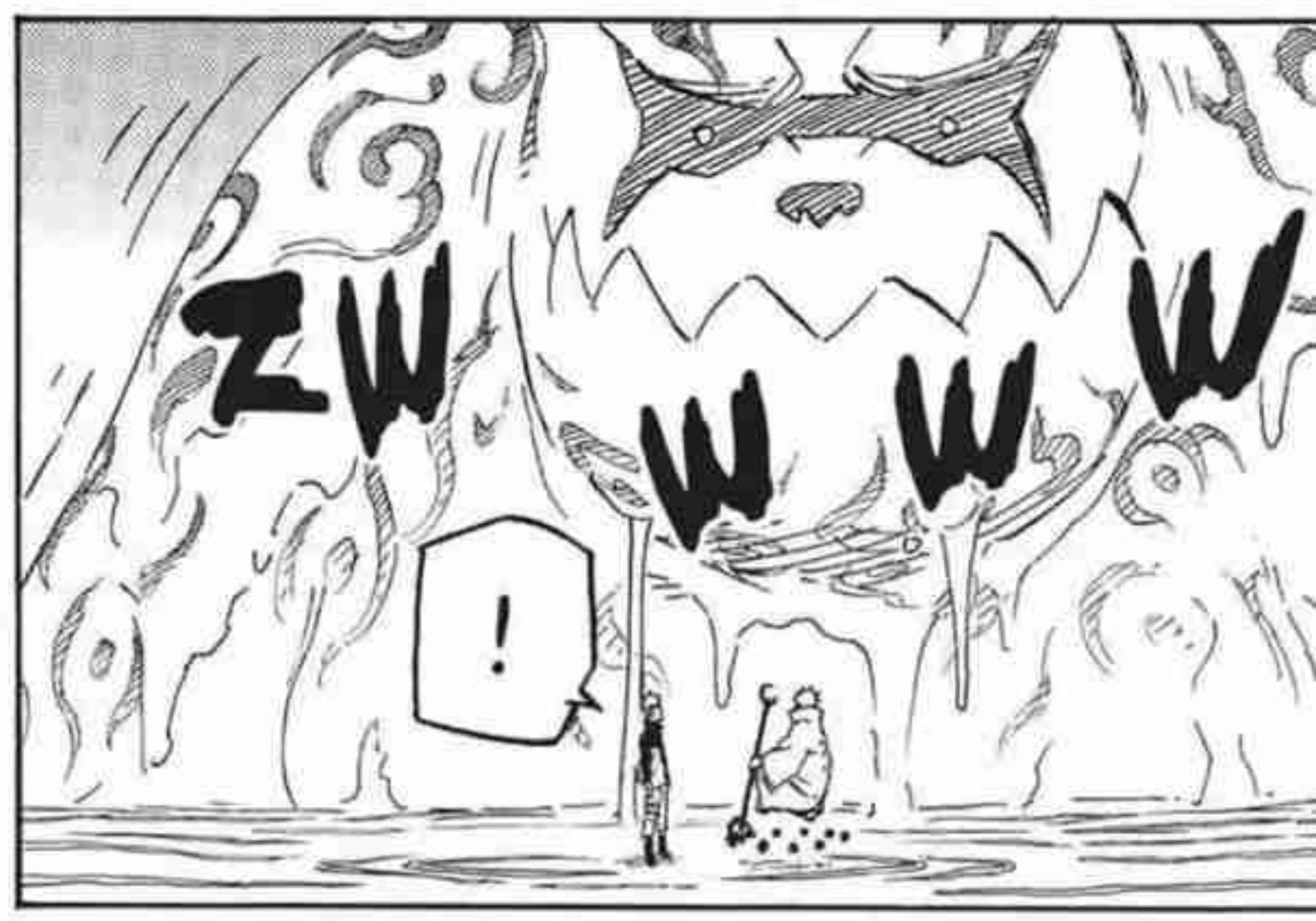

EVEN IN TERMS OF HOW THE BIJU ARE BEING USED...
PERHAPS MY WAY OF THINKING IS NAÏVE.
...NOT FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND EQUILIBRIUM, BUT ONLY AS WEAPONS...

...THEN I'M THE ONE WHO'S SELFISHLY TRYING TO GO AGAINST AND STOP IT.
AND IF THAT'S THE NATURAL FLOW...

ZWWWW
THAT'S RIGHT, OLD MAN!


YOU AIN'T WRONG, SUPER-GRAMPS!
NOPE!

WHY'RE YOU INSIDE ME?!
OH! AREN'T YOU GAARA'S SHUKAKU?!


ZWWWW
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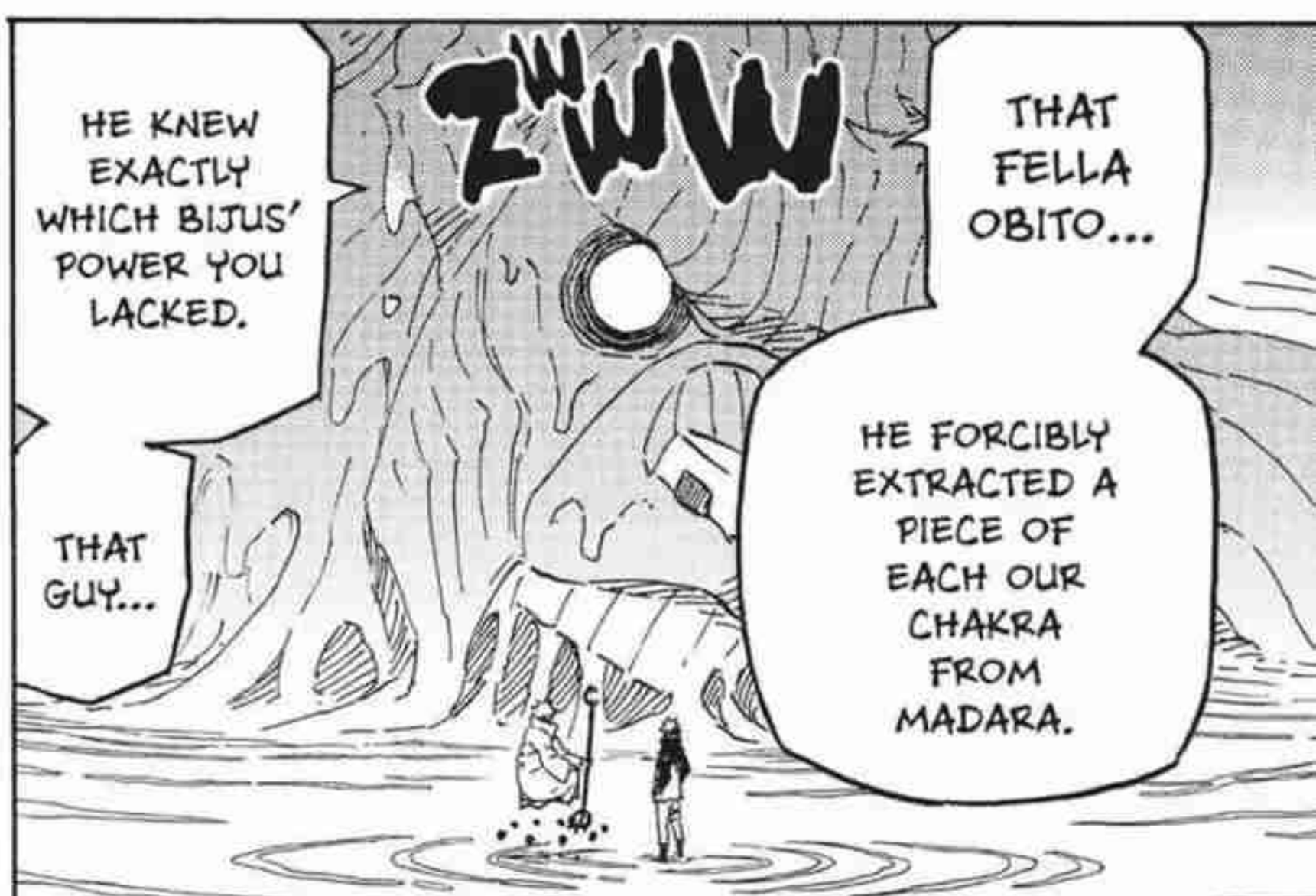
OBITO DID?!


HE KNEW EXACTLY WHICH BIJUS' POWER YOU LACKED.
ZWWWW
THAT FELLA OBITO...
THAT GUY...
HE FORCIBLY EXTRACTED A PIECE OF EACH OUR CHAKRA FROM MADARA.

THE PROMISED TIME HAS FINALLY COME, OLD MAN SIX PATHS.
OH! EVEN YOU, THE OTHER HALF OF KURAMA?!

ZWWW
NOW YOU'VE GOT THE CHAKRA OF ALL NINE BIJU WITHIN YOU, NARUTO!
A LOT'S HAPPENED, AND HE EVEN PUT ME INSIDE YOU.

YOU MANAGED TO SUMMON MY SOUL...
...AND ACCEPTED THAT ASHURA HAS REINCARNATED INSIDE YOU.
?
YOU TRULY SEEM TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO WIN OTHERS' COOPERATION.

A BLUE-EYED YOUTH WHO CAN NAME NINE BEASTS AND FROLIC AMONG THEM...
YOU'RE RIGHT, KURAMA... JUST AS GAMAMARU PROPHESIED...

...

ZWWW
...GYUKI...
...SAI-KEN...
...KO-KUO...
...ISOBU...
SHU-KAKU...
...MATA-TABI...
...CHO-MEI...
...SON GOKU...
...AND KURAMA.
SWOOOSH

IT APPEARS THE DAY THE ***CHILD OF PROPHECY*** SHALL CHANGE THE WORLD HAS ARRIVED.

BUT I DO KNOW WHAT "COMRADES" ARE...

AND I WANT TO PROTECT 'EM... THAT'S ALL.

IS THAT YOUR RESPONSE...?

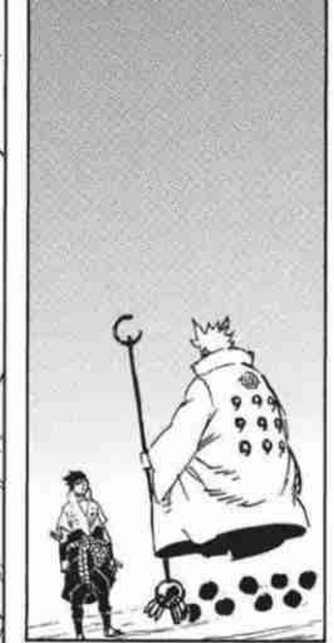
...

CUZ WE'RE PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS.

...

...BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN MAKE PEACE.
ME AND SASUKE MAY NOT BE TRUE BROTHERS...

...AS WELL.
...WHAT YOU BOTH SHALL DO, AND WHAT SHALL TRANSPIRE, WILL BE UP TO THE TWO OF YOU.
AND FROM THIS POINT ON, NARUTO AND SASUKE...



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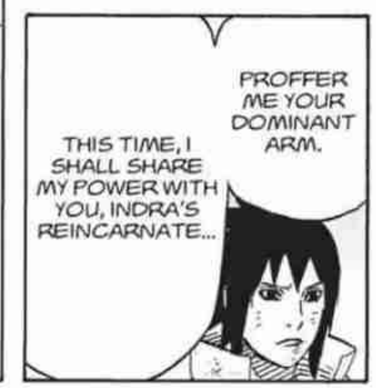
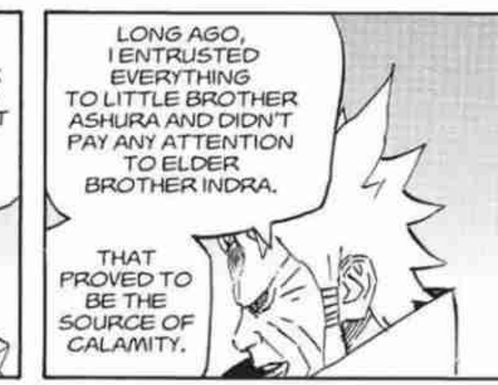
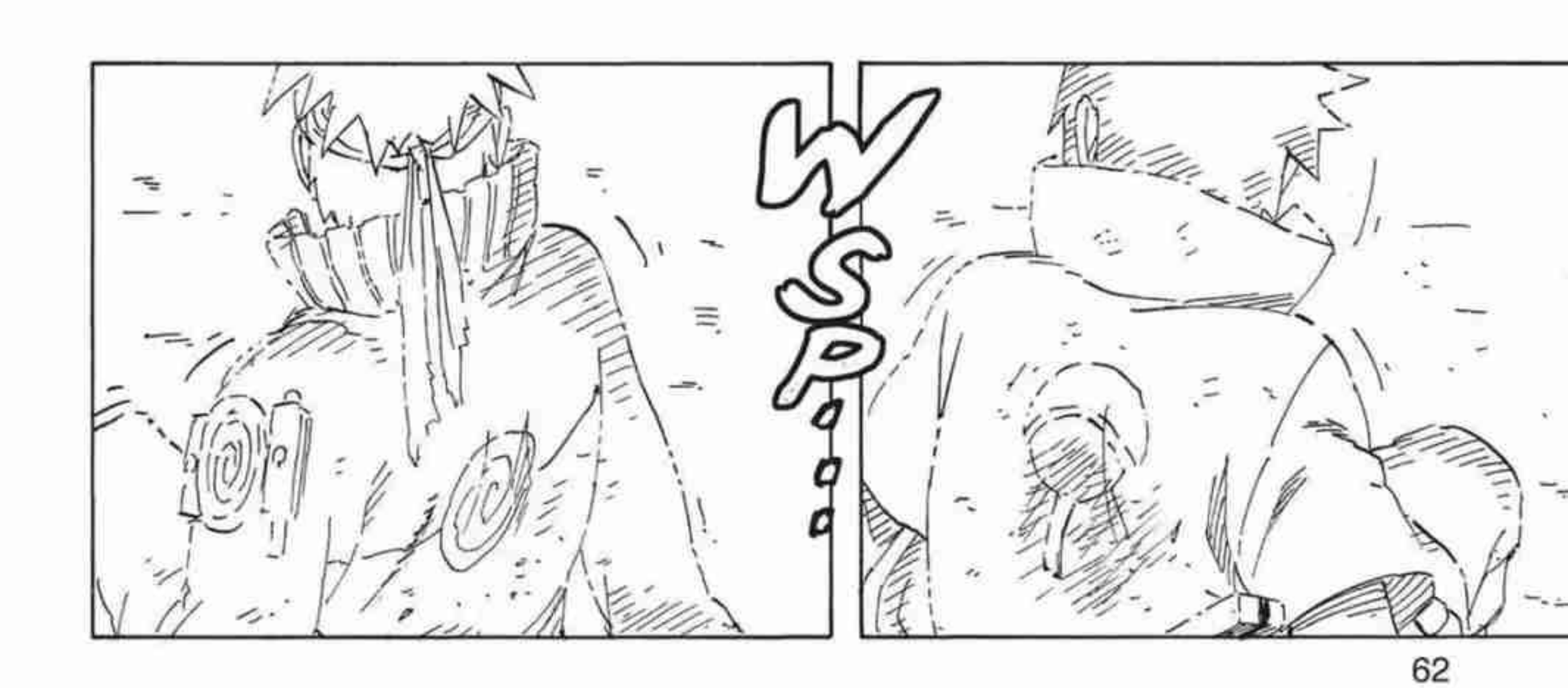

THIS TIME, I SHALL SHARE MY POWER WITH YOU, INDRA'S REINCARNATE...
PROFFER ME YOUR DOMINANT ARM.


LONG AGO, I ENTRUSTED EVERYTHING TO LITTLE BROTHER ASHURA AND DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ELDER BROTHER INDRA.
THAT PROVED TO BE THE SOURCE OF CALAMITY.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HUFF
HUFF

RRRRUMBLE

HA HA HA... NICE, NICE!
KEEP ON DANCING!!

HAK
HAK
HAK
HAK
EVEN THE EVENING ELEPHANT ...ISN'T ENOUGH...

...IS NIGHT GUY!!!
HAK
HAK
ALL THAT'S LEFT...

FSH

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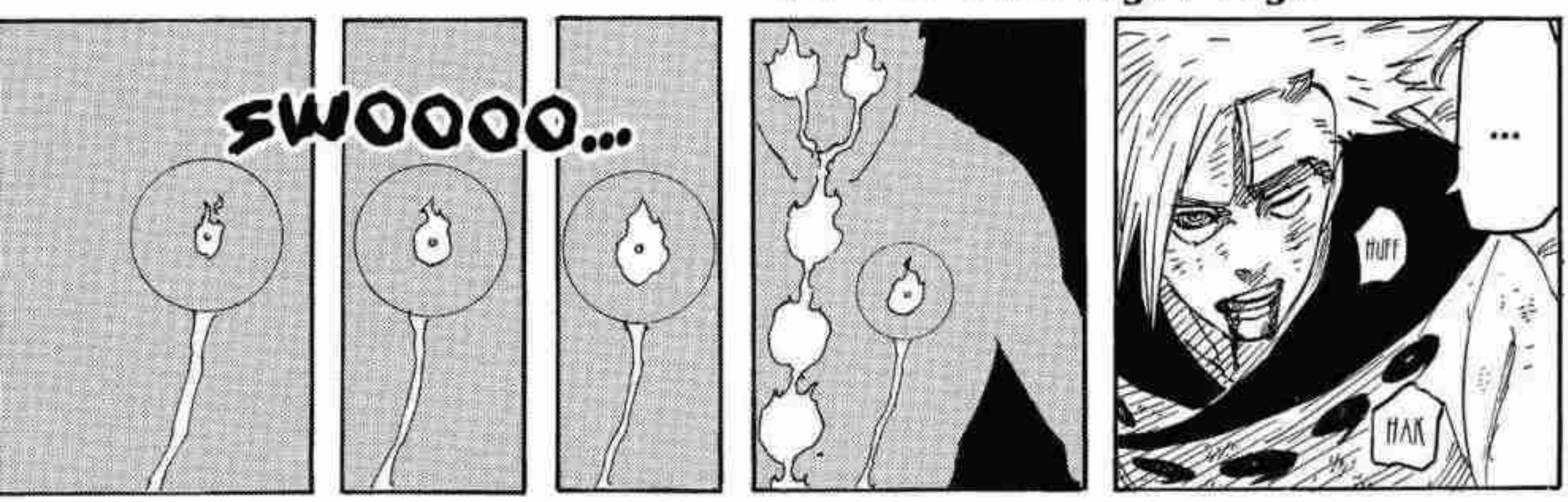
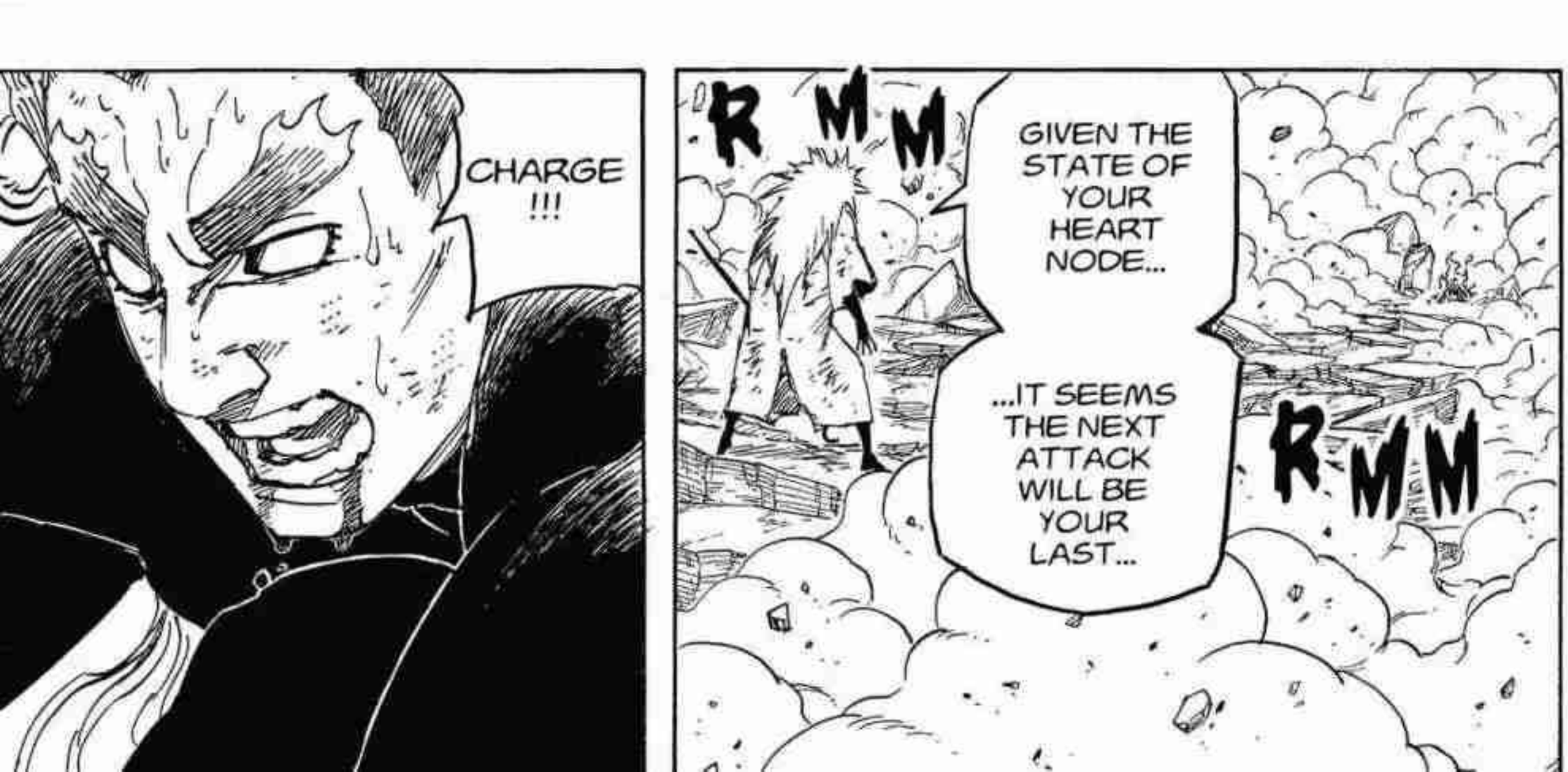
Number 672: Night Guy!!





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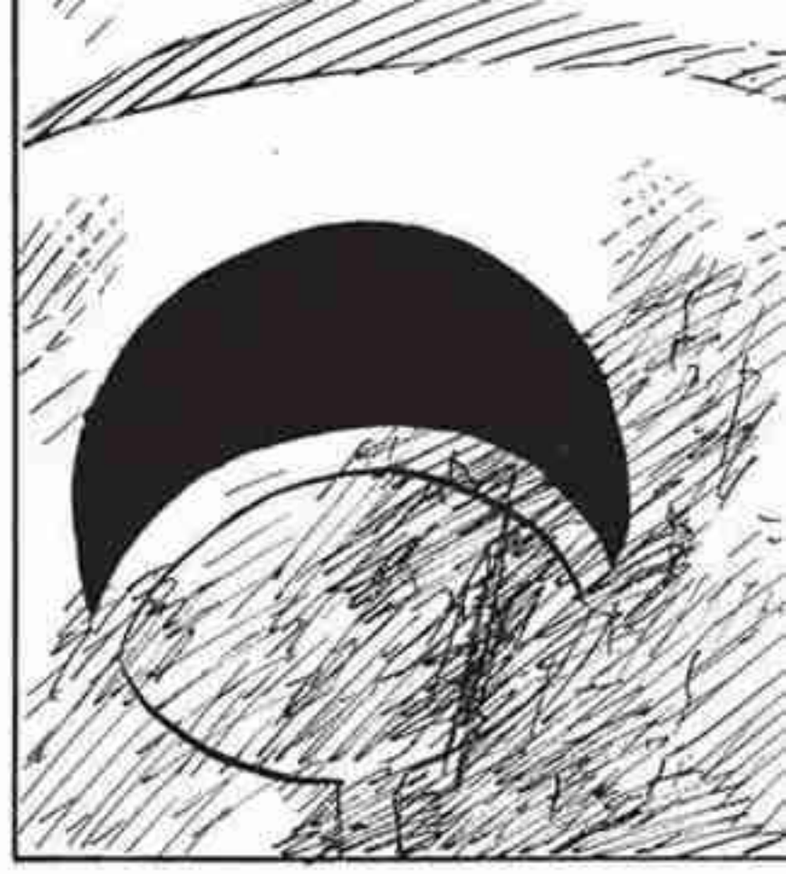
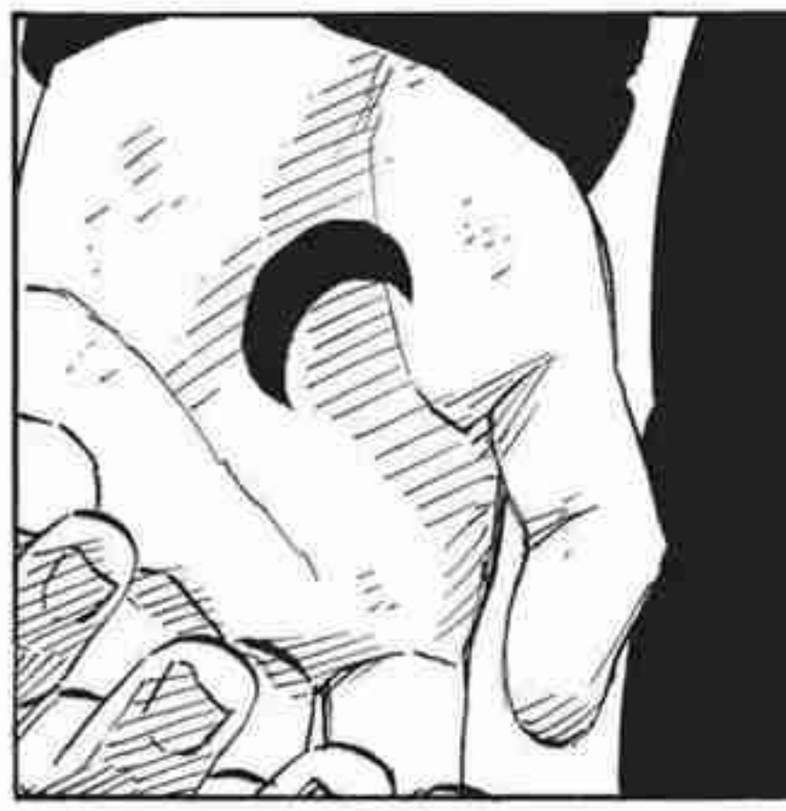
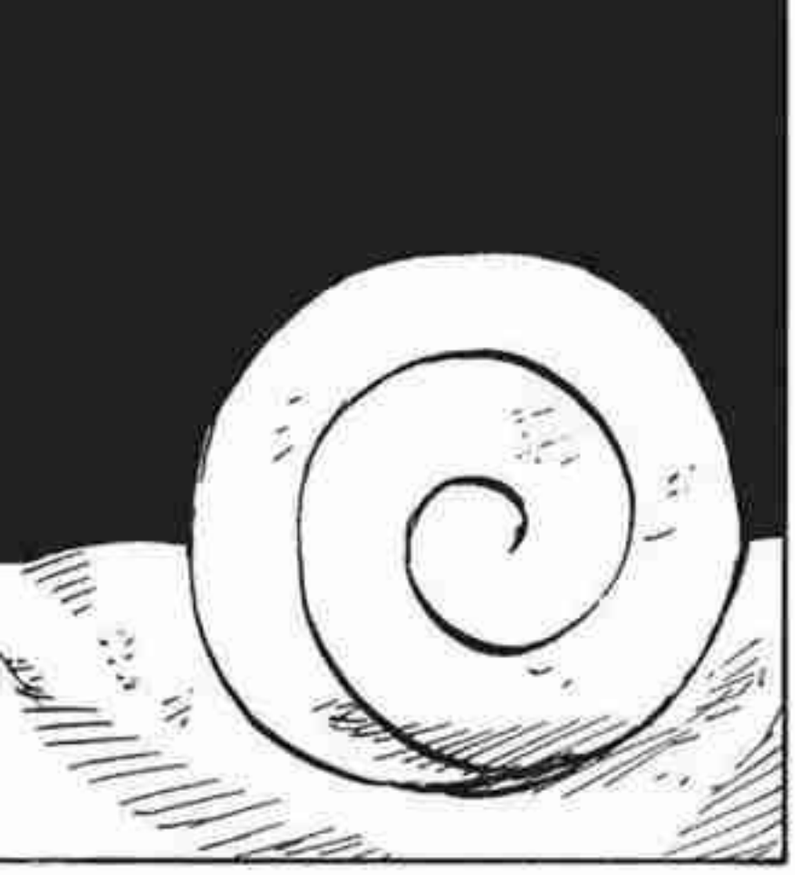
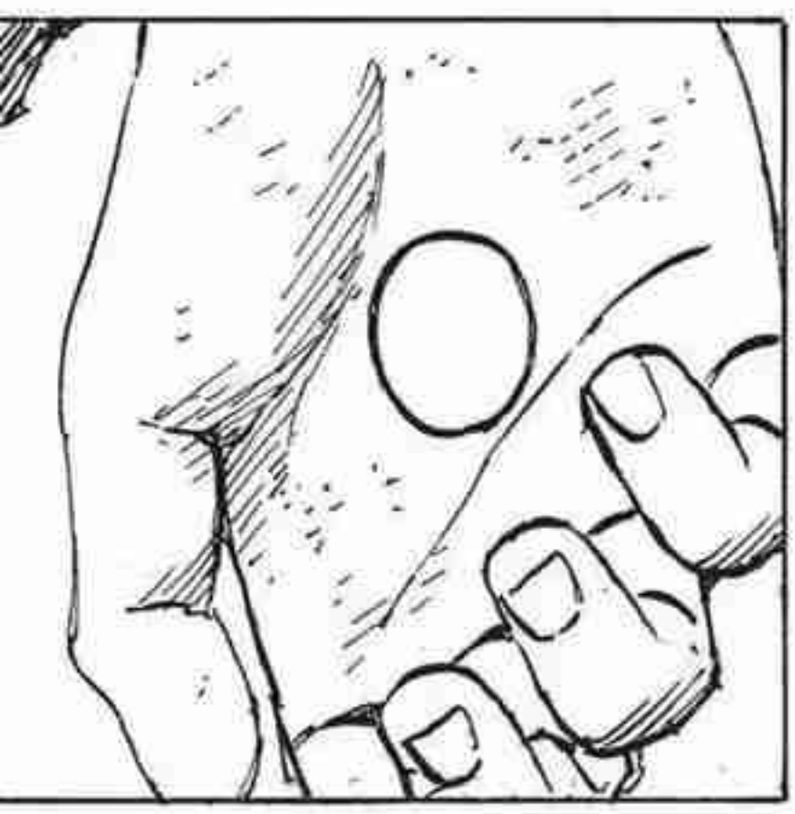


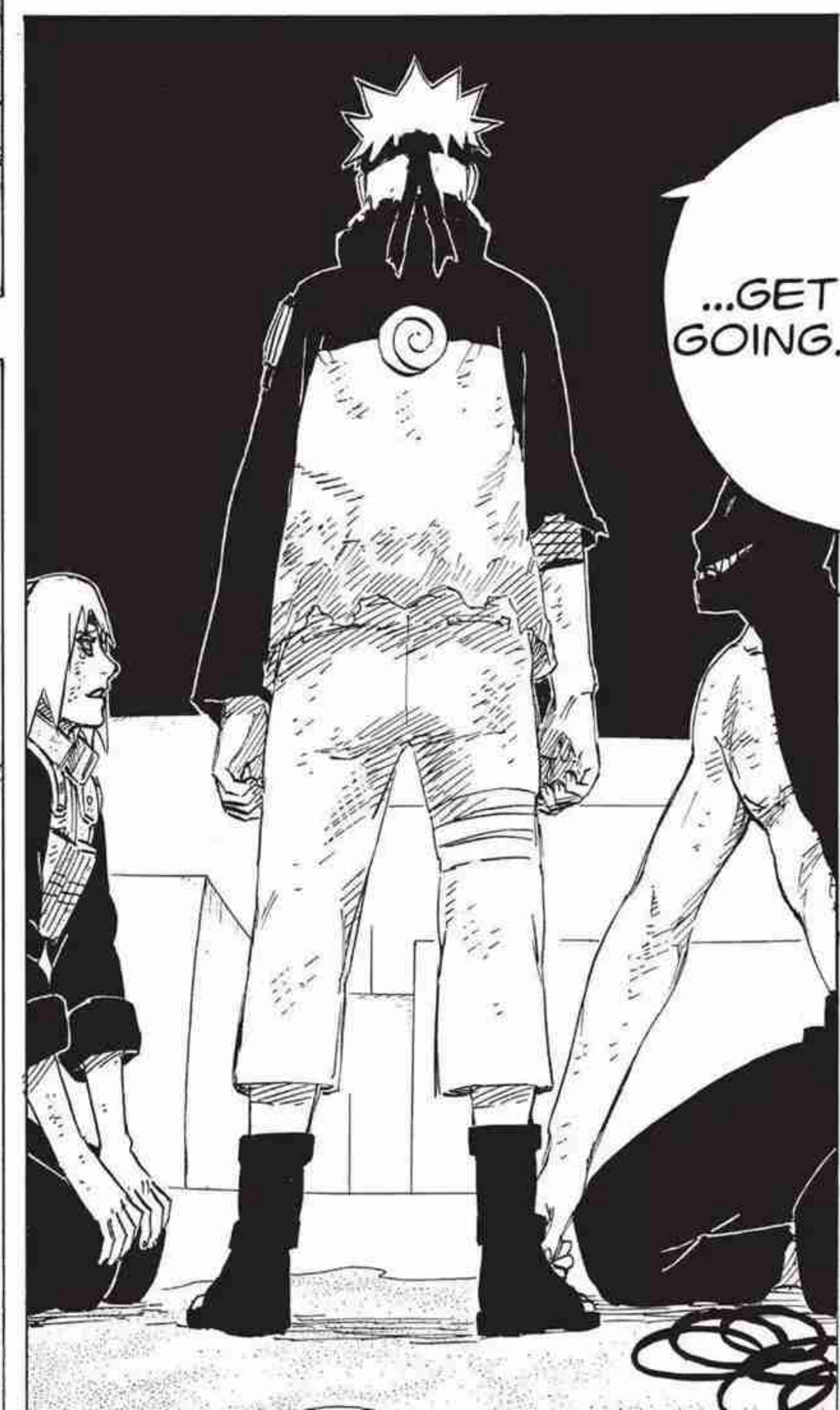


TIME TO...



NARUTO...




...GET GOING...

BLA ZE

ARROAR

DON'T TELL ME HE HAS SOMETHING EVEN GREATER!
?!
THAT STANCE... THAT'S NOT THE SEKIZO!!

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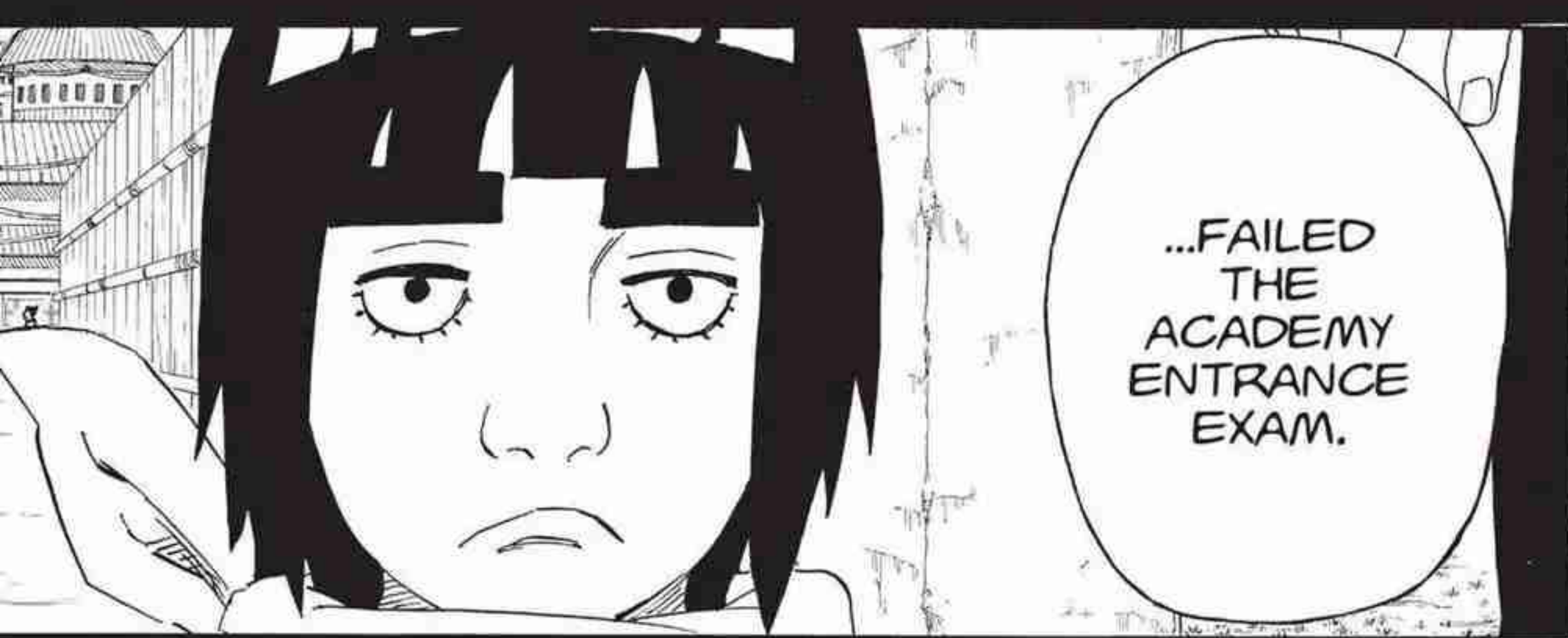
OH!
NICE TO MEET YOU... MY SON IS ALSO GOING TO BE IN THE CARE OF THE ACADEMY...

GUY...!

HUH?!
FLINCH
A-A monster parent?
!
HE ACTUALLY ...
NO, DAD, YOU'RE WRONG. THAT'S NOT IT.

I HOPE THAT THEY'LL GET ALONG OKAY.

AHEM
I'M AFRAID THAT WILL BE IMPOSSI-BLE!


...FAILED THE ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM.

GWA HA HA HA! THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.

O-OH MY, BEG YOUR PARDON. I JUST ASSUMED SINCE YOU WERE IN FRONT OF THE ACADEMY...
...

I JUST DON'T THINK...
BESIDES, HE'S TRYING TO GET INTO THE NINJA ACADEMY EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS HE CAN'T USE NINJUTSU...

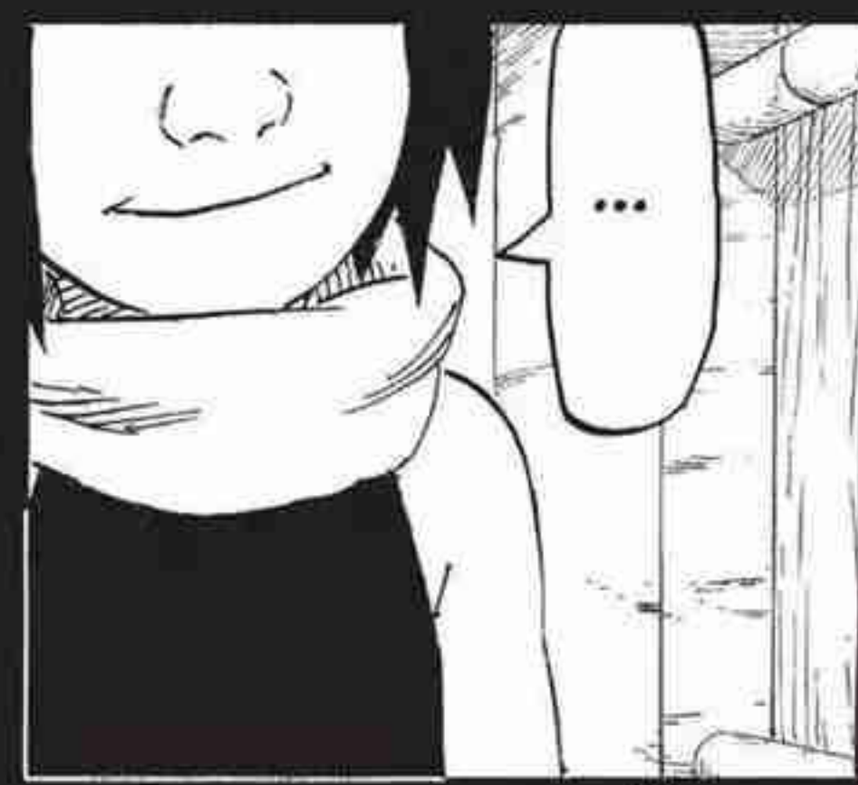
HEY, KAKASHI, THAT'S RUDE!
UH, I DON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY.
BUT DAD, YOU WERE A WHOLE LOT RUDER JUST A MINUTE AGO.

WELL THEN...
SHUP...

...WHOOPS, WE GOTTA GET GOING OR WE'RE GONNA BE LATE, DAD.
R-RIGHT.

?

!
YOUR NAME'S HATAKE KAKASHI, RIGHT?!


...

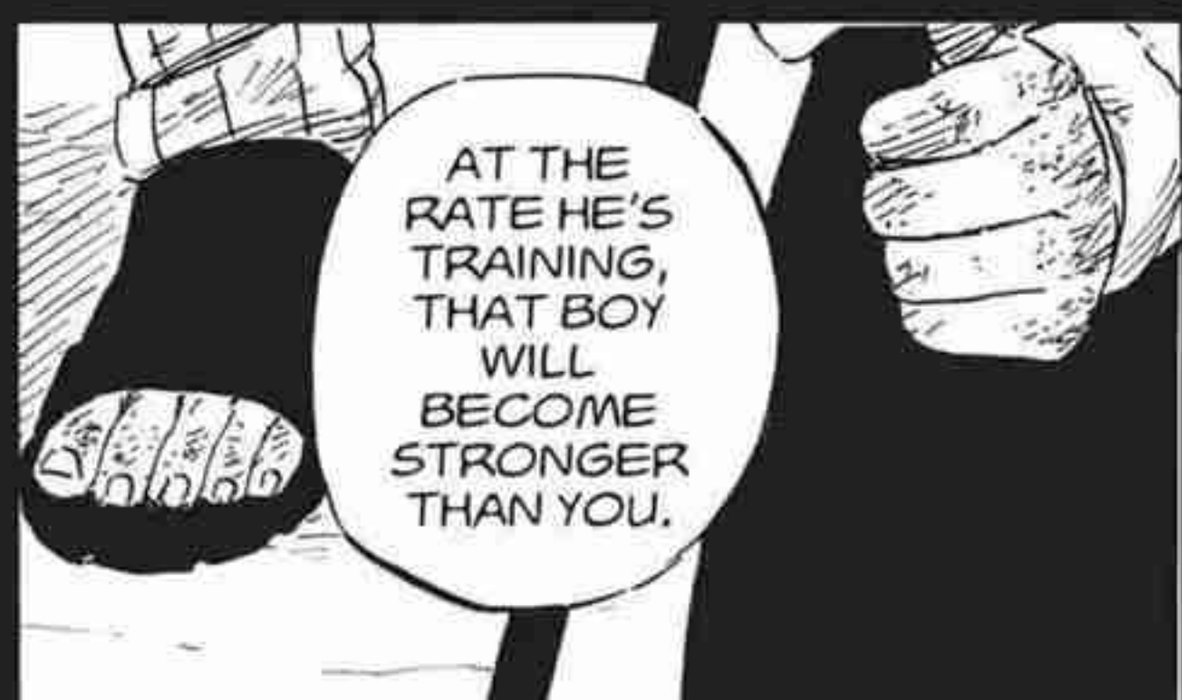
HUH?

...

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

HE'LL BE A GREAT RIVAL FOR YOU.
YOU OUGHT TO ASK HIM HIS NAME AND REMEMBER IT...
THEY HAVEN'T ANNOUNCED THE ALTERNATES YET, HAVE THEY?
PAT
THE ACADEMY'S NOT DUMB...

HUH?
KAKASHI, DON'T SLACK OFF JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOTTEN INTO THE ACADEMY ALREADY.


AT THE RATE HE'S TRAINING, THAT BOY WILL BECOME STRONGER THAN YOU.

ARARA

IT ENDED UP EXACTLY AS DAD PREDICTED...

NO!
...GUY!!
SH

...THERE'S **NO ONE** WHO SURPASSES YOU AT TAIJUTSU!!

OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT ME OVER THE YEARS...

THIS CHAKRA OF YOURS!

I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE IT!

FLOW !!!

KOM

FAST ...!

WHAT ?!

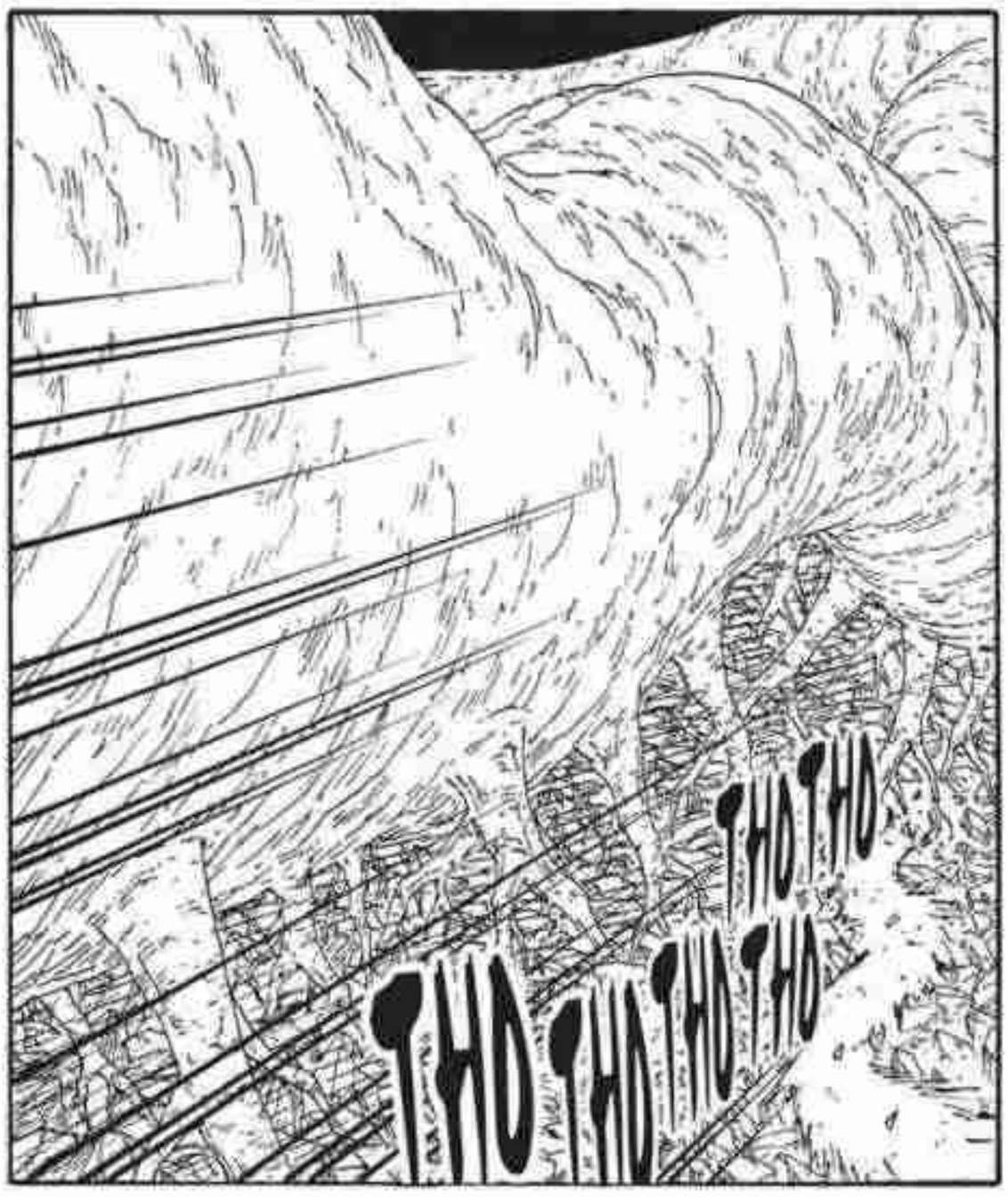
HE'S BENDING SPACE?!

GZ
NIGHT GUY!!
ADM
GGGGGGGG

SNAP

KRAK

KRAK KRAK SNAP



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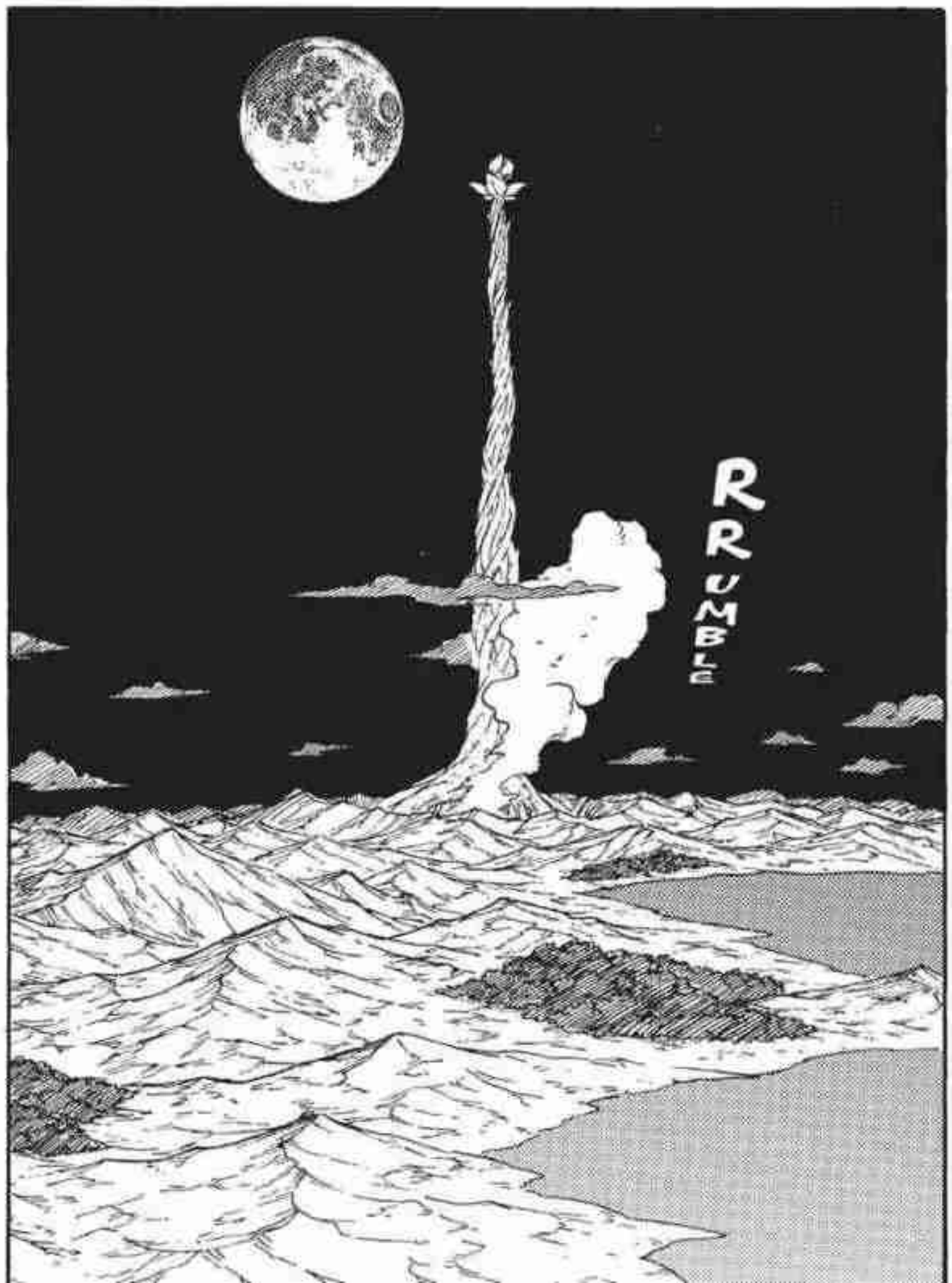
RRRUMBLE

UGH...
THAT WAS GUY'S FINAL MOVE!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!

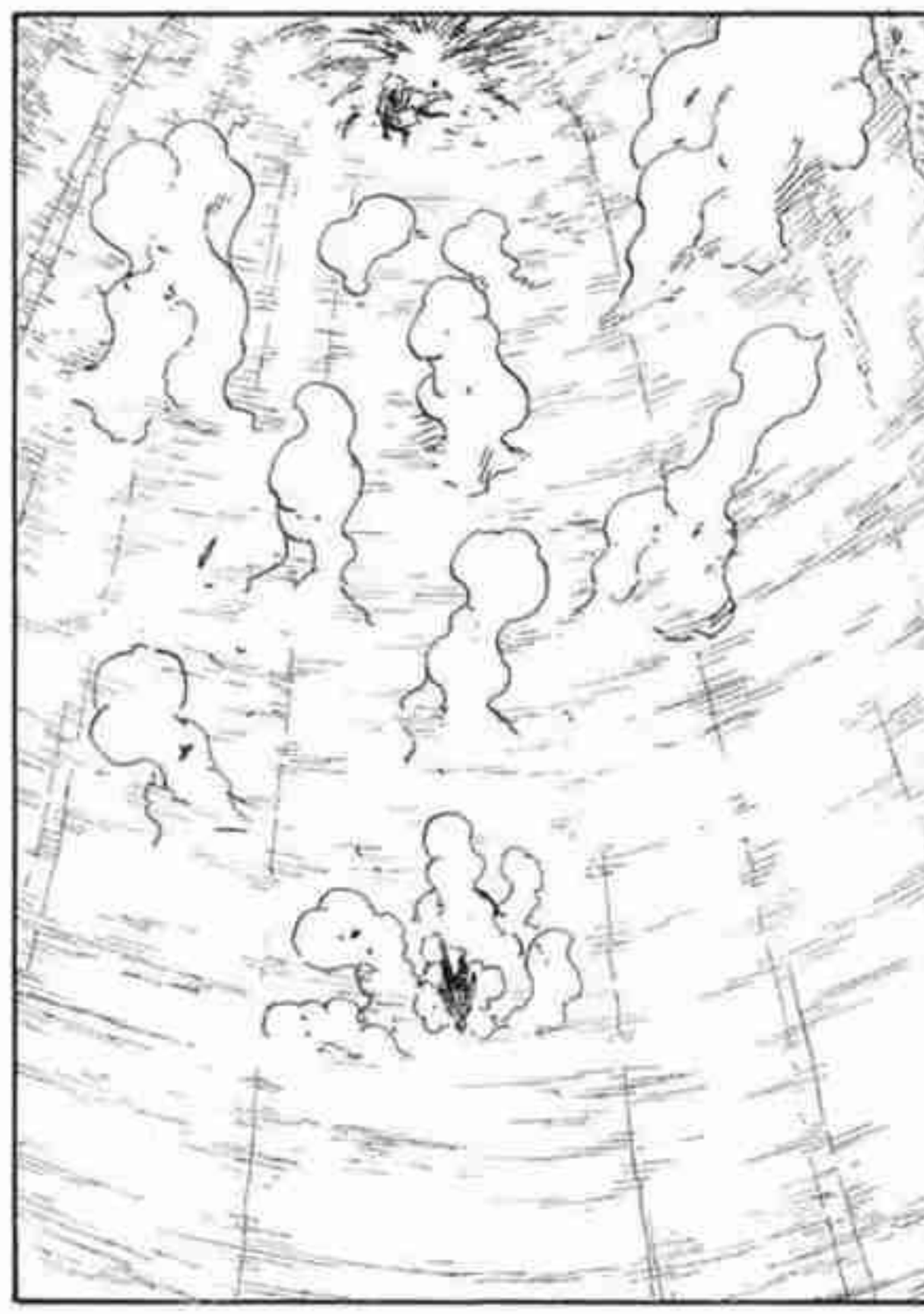

RRUMBLE

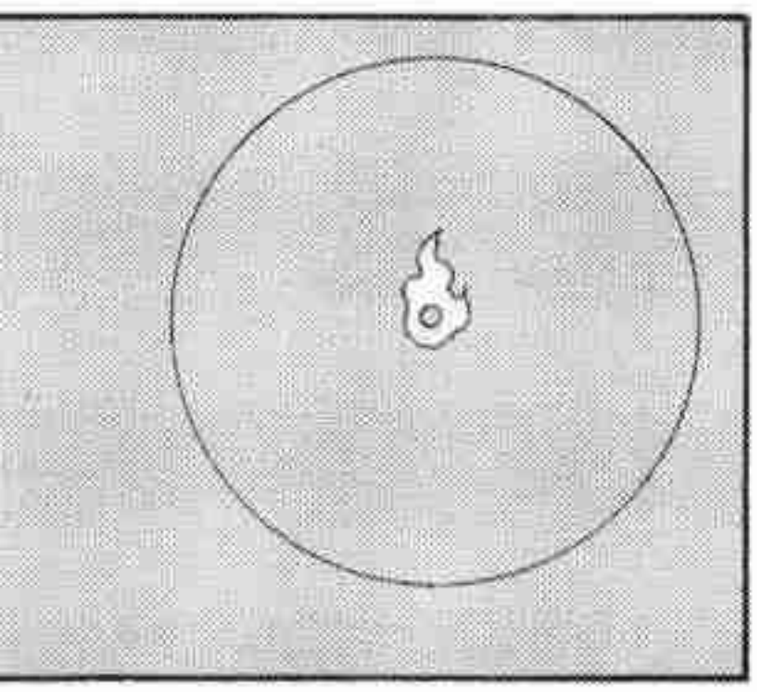
FUZZZZZZZZ

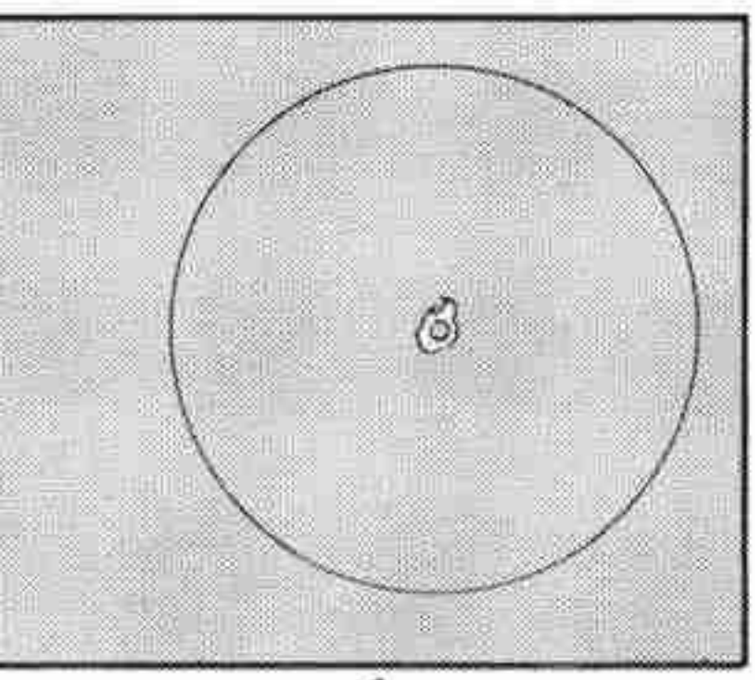
HUFF
HAK
HUFF

HA HA HA... I ALMOST DIED THERE, YA BASTARD!

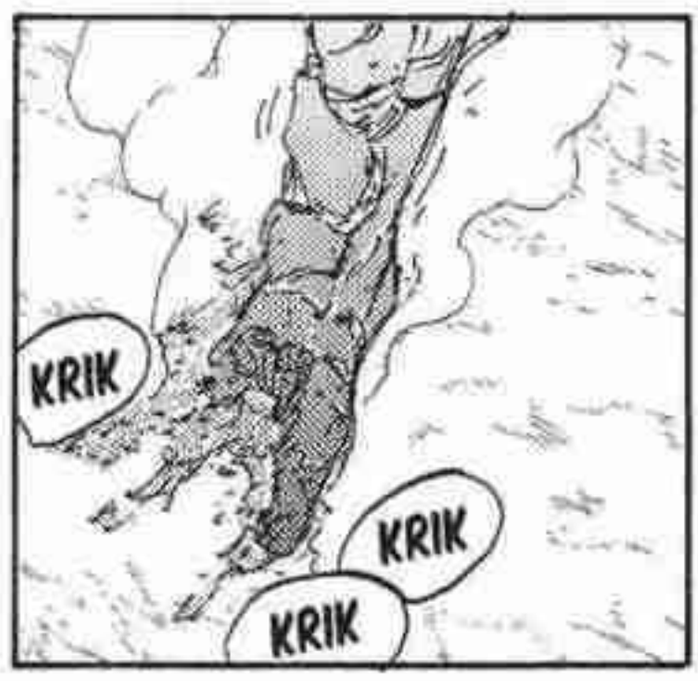
WWWWWWWW







KRIK...


KRIK
KRIK
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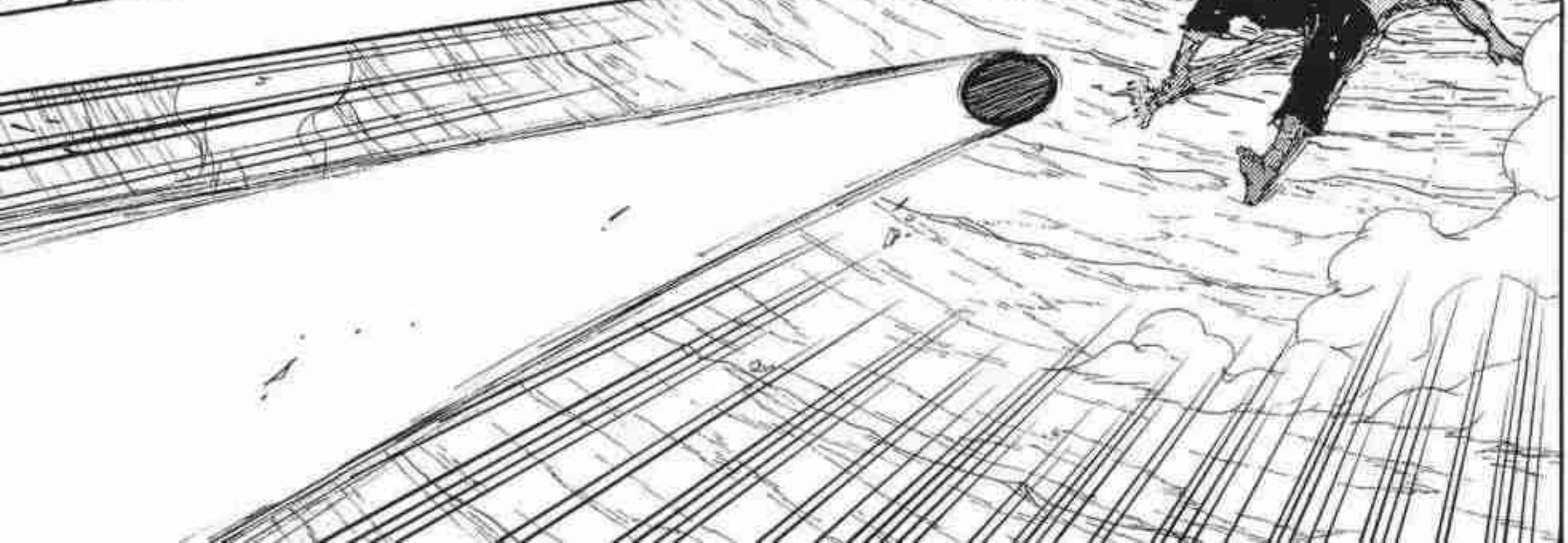
BO
M
...BEFORE YOU TURN TO ASH ON YOUR OWN!
ZWWWWW

YOUR FLAME IS ABOUT TO GO OUT... BUT IN GRATITUDE FOR A GOOD TIME...
...I'LL FINISH YOU OFF...
WAFT
ZWW...
MUF



KIC

THUMP

...

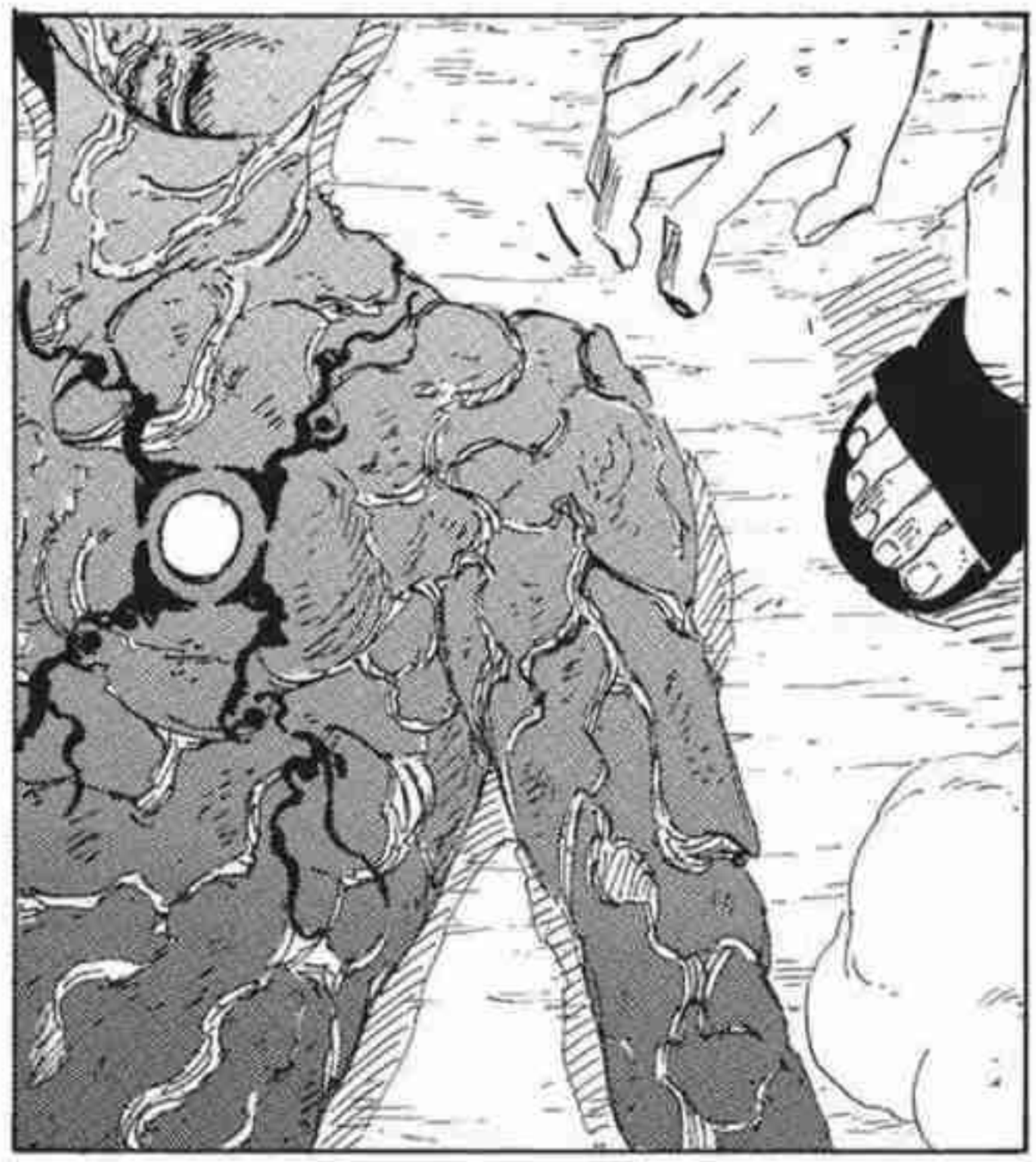
GLARE

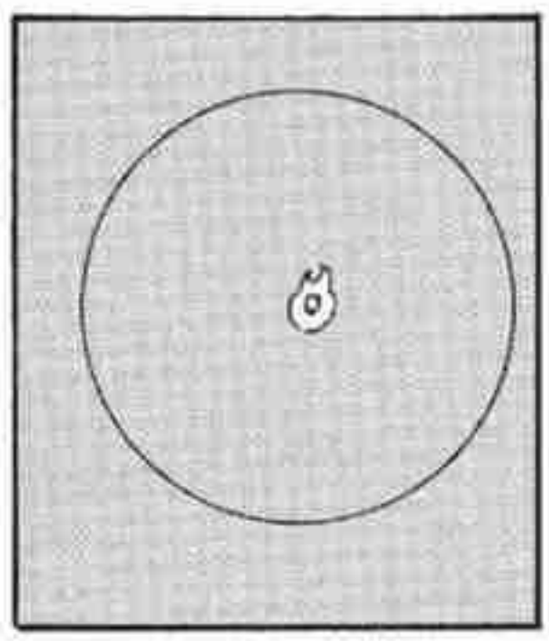
HE WAS ABLE TO KICK AWAY A TRUTHSEEKER ORB?!

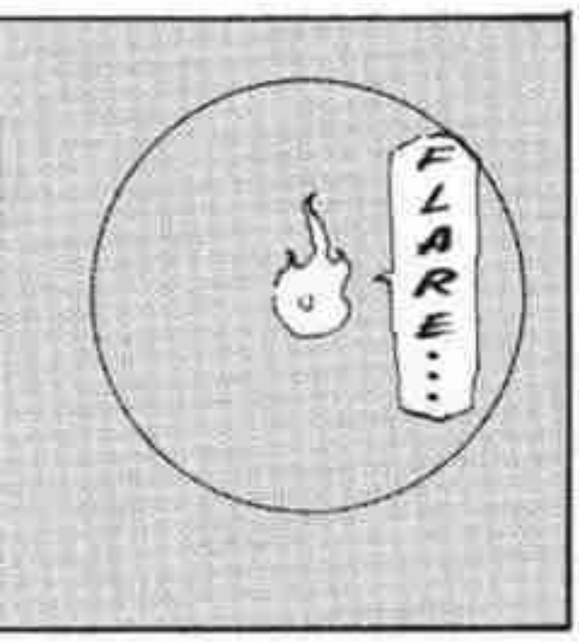
!!

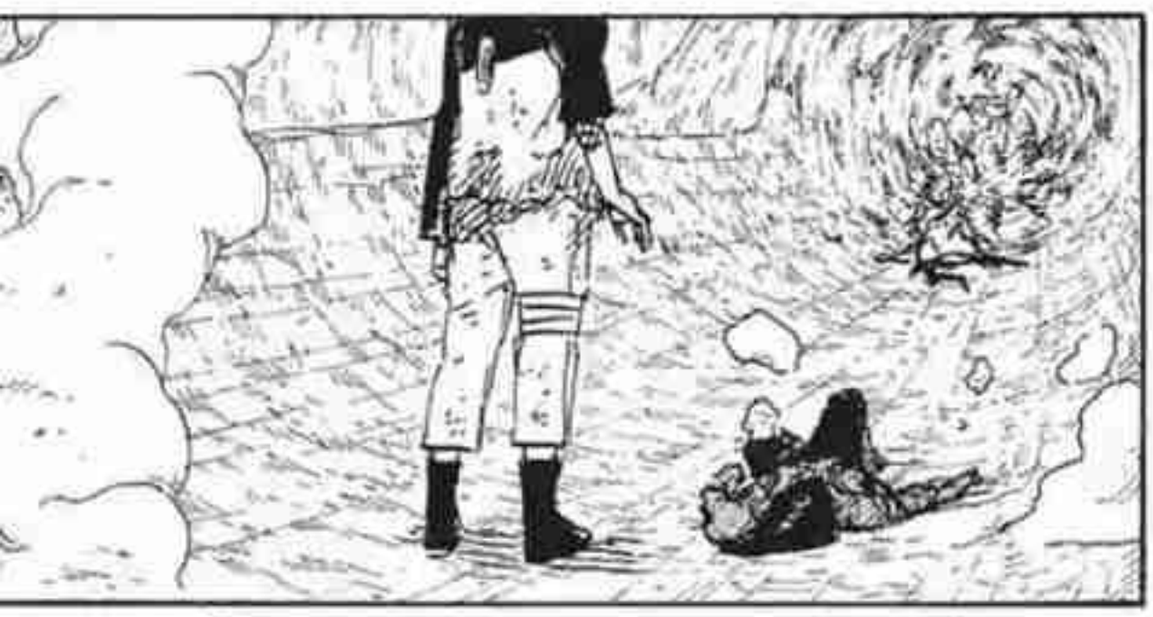
THWAP

FSH



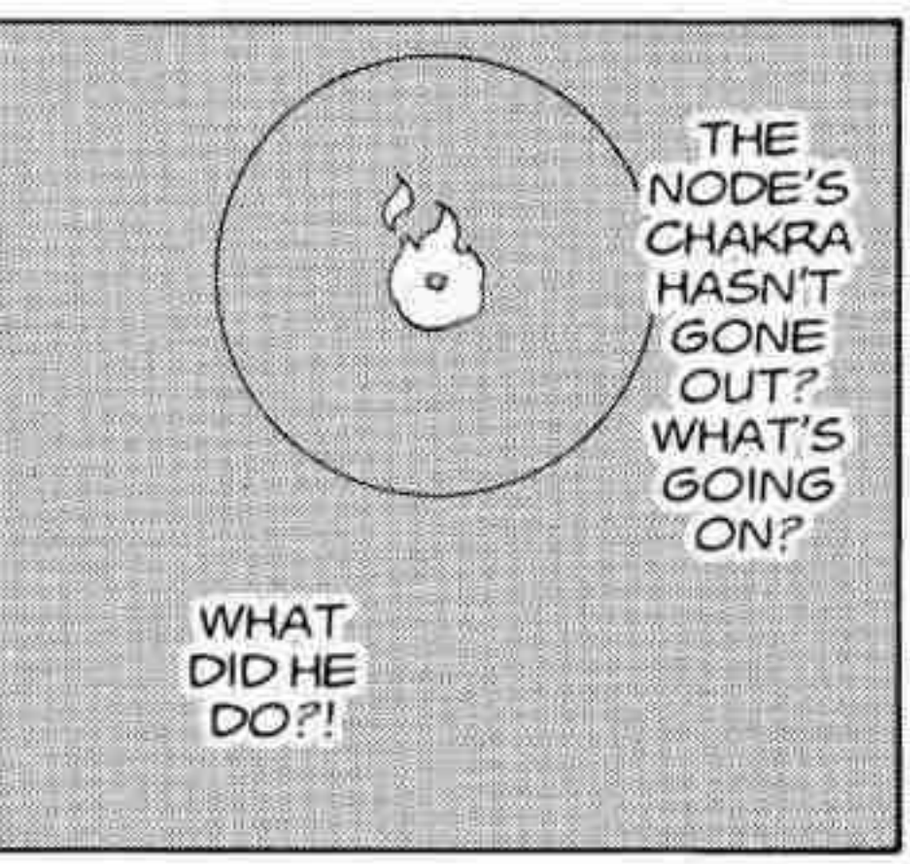


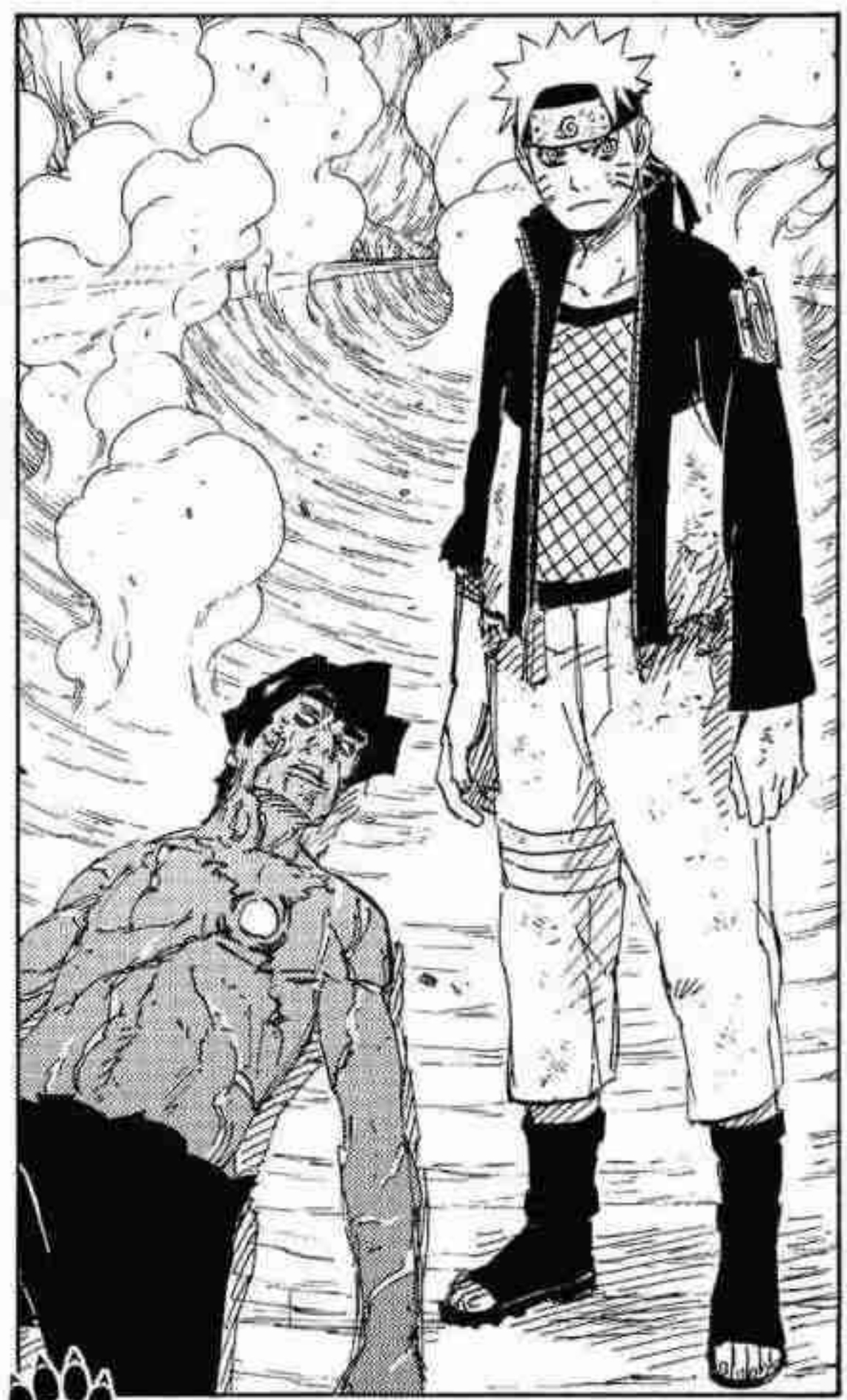

FLARE...



BUT I THINK I CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING NOW!
YEAH... I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT MYSELF...

YOU SEEM SOMEWHAT *DIFFERENT* THAN BEFORE.
NARUTO ...?
THAT OBITO, HE MUST'VE...





Number 673: WE Will...!!

WHA DOM

...HEALING YET?!
IS IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T FINISHED...

KRAK-KRAK

HIS POWER'S SUDDENLY GROWN?!
NO...!

NO PROB!!
SON! LEND ME SOME CHAKRA, WILL YA?!!

VOOM

BLOP-BLOP

?!

ROAR WHRR

SAGE ART! LAVA STYLE RASEN SHURIKEN !!!

TAK

YAH!!!

LIMBO!!

!!

TH-THIS IS BAD!!

WHAT ?!
HE EVADED...

FWOSH
!!

...THE LIMBO?!!
GLARE

ARRGH !!
HURL

GARRR ...!!

NOW !!

EXPLODE !!!
WSH
ZLA
SH
WHO
!
UNGH...

THE TREE'S BEEN SEVERED ?!
!
TAKE ME WITHIN YOU.
?!
WHO ?!
TAKE THE DIVINE TREE...
...TEN TAILS, ALL OF ME, INTO YOU...
NARUTO... DID THIS?!

MASTER GUY'S OVER THERE TOO!

TAK

ZWOOOO

TMP
TMP

THE TREE DISAPPEARED ?!

!!

ZWWW...

HE'S NOT GONNA DIE!

MASTER UBER-BROWS'S OKAY!

YOU HEALED HIM, NARUTO?!

FSH...

BUT I THOUGHT HE'D ACTIVATED ALL EIGHT GATES?!

SHIMMER

!

MASTER GUY!!

FSH

YEAH... BUT I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS NOW...

CAN YOU TELEPORT, SECOND?
...

ZWOP

GRAB

PROP...
!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM WHILE HE WAS STARTING TO DIE?
HE TOUCHES MADARA'S ROD BUT ISN'T AFFECTED?

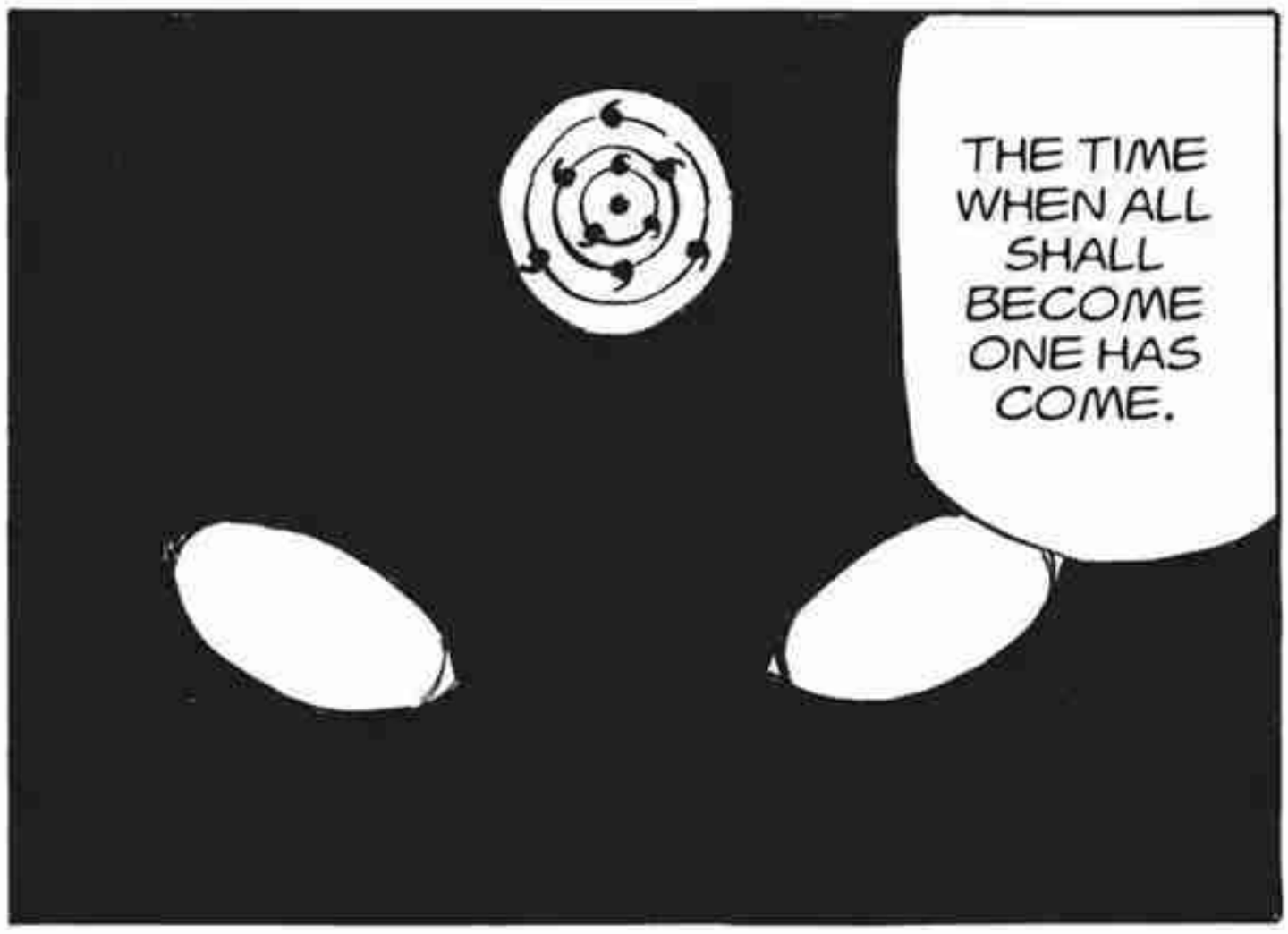
I SEE...
...

THAT'S PLENTY... I ALONE NEED TO GO.

...AT MY CURRENT STRENGTH, I CAN ONLY TELEPORT ONE PERSON.
YEAH, SINCE I LINKED MYSELF TO FOURTH'S MARKINGS... BUT SORRY...

THE DIVINE TREE ITSELF IS...

I SEE...



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WHEN YOU BECOME HOKAGE...
...LET'S SHARE A DRINK.

NARU-TO...
BUSHY BROWS, YOU AND GAARA PROTECT MASTER GUY.

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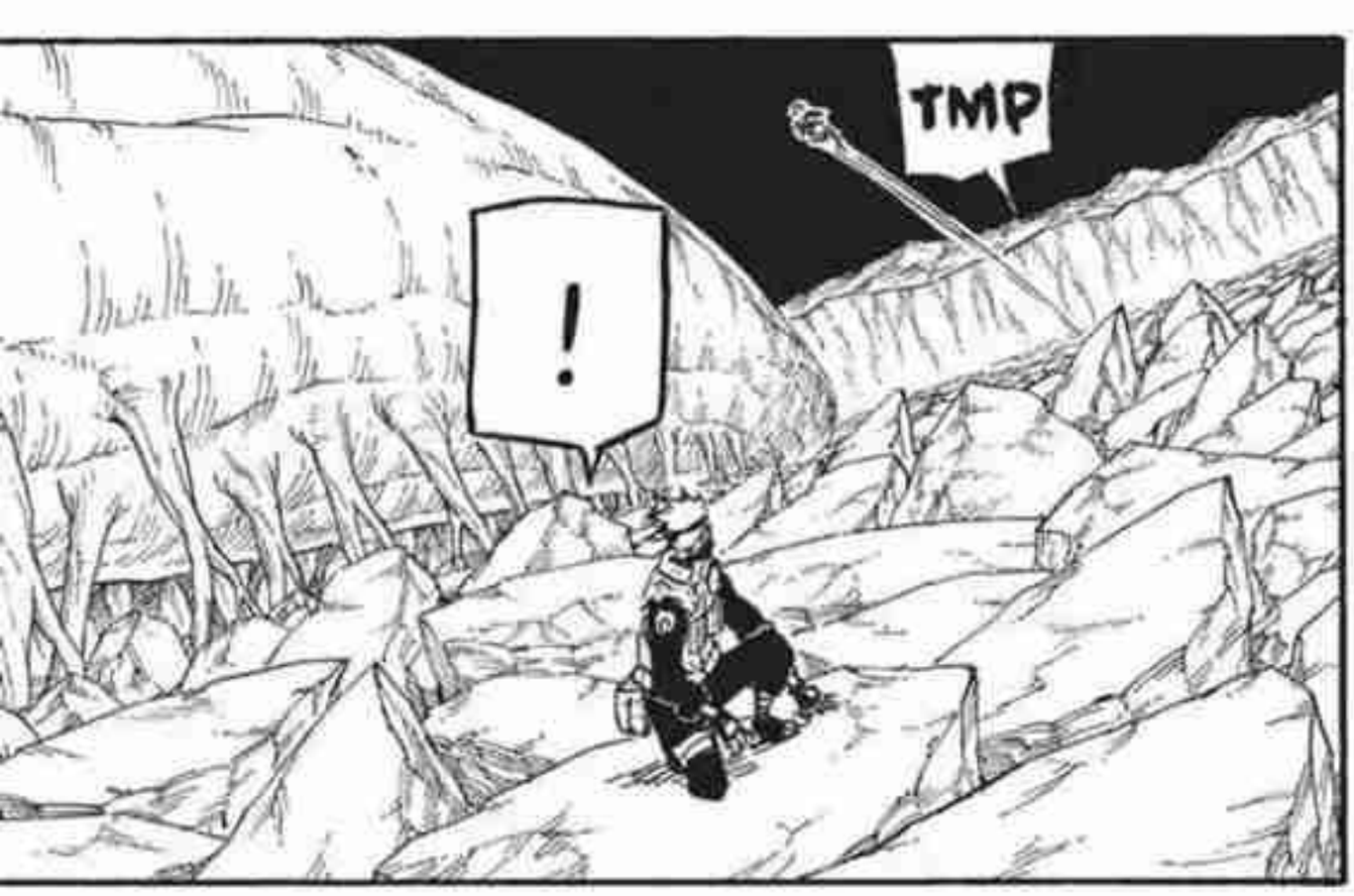

TMP
!

...
SURE!

HUF
HAK

...DID YOU...?
OBITO...

...

IS THAT NARUTO ?!
...

THANK YOU FOR SAVING NARUTO.

...GOING TO CONSIDER YOU AN ALLY JUST THIS ONE TIME AND...

I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SAY THIS, BUT I'M...

YOU'RE MY ENEMY... YOU HURT AND KILLED MANY OF MY COMRADES...

MAK

MAK

I AM ESSENTIALLY COMPLETELY IMMORTAL NOW...

I HAVE OBTAINED ETERNITY.

YOU CANNOT TAKE ME DOWN.

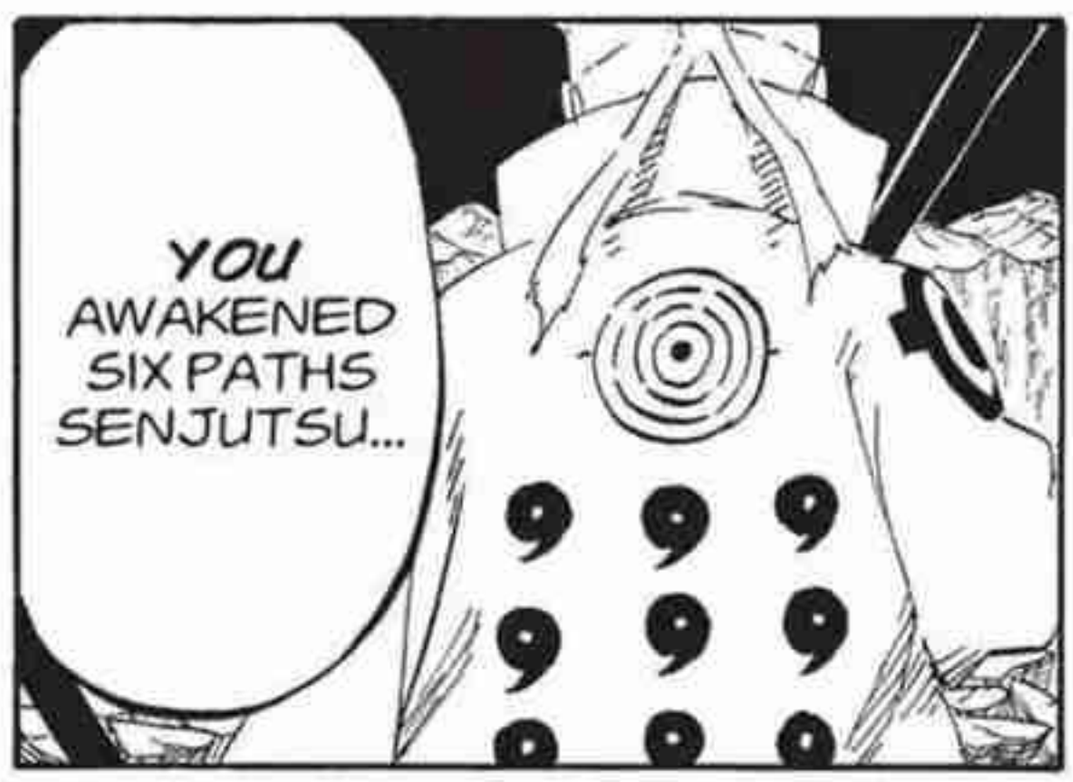
I AIN'T TAKING YA DOWN...

YOU IDIOT!!

WO
WE WILL...
...TAKE YOU DOWN.
MPH

YOUR TIME HAS COME, MADARA.

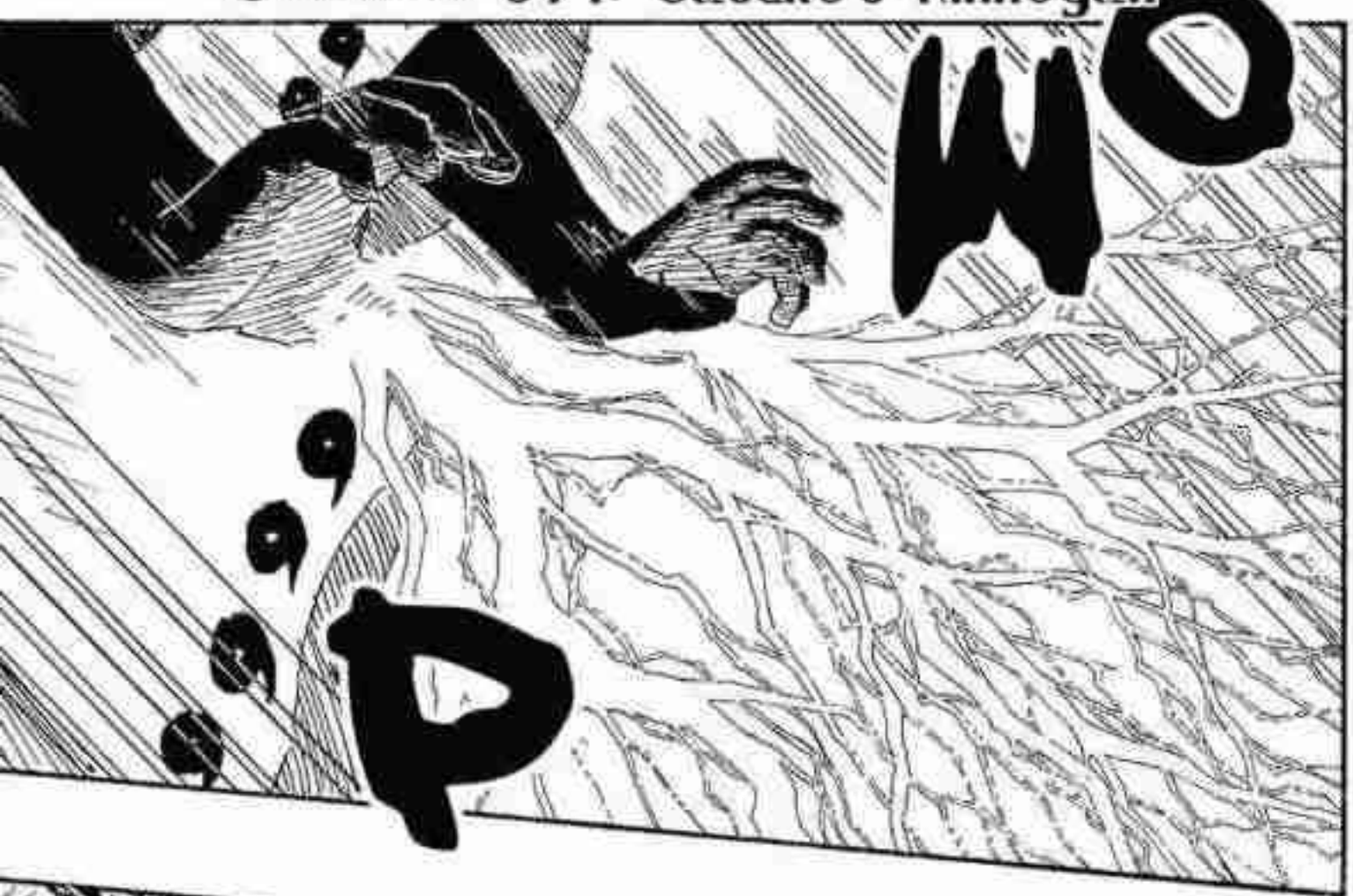
...I'VE GOT BOTH THOSE POWERS TOGETHER, REMEMBER!
HOW-EVER...
ZWW
HOVER
HOVER
HOVER
HOVER

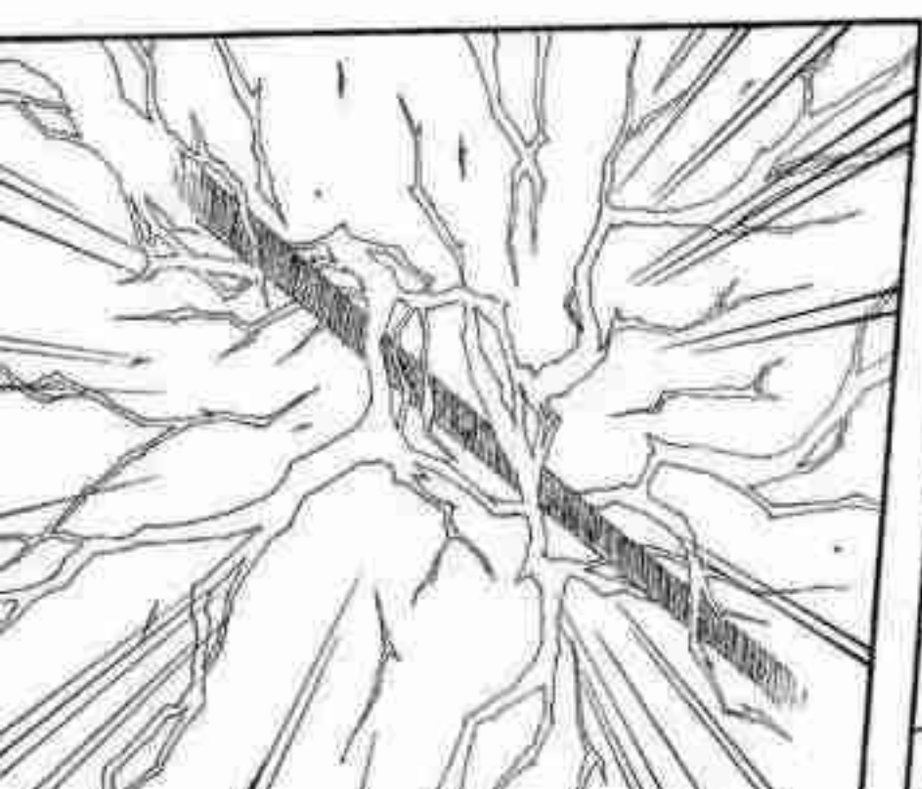

YOU AWAKENED SIX PATHS SENJUTSU...

...AND YOU AWAKENED ONE-EYED RINNEGAN, HUH.

MY POWERS VERSUS YOURS...
THIS IS THE FINAL BATTLE!
LET US SETTLE WHO IS SUPERIOR, ONCE AND FOR ALL!!
CLAP

Number 674: Sasuke's Rinnegan





WHOO

SH

WHD

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WHD

WHD

LIMBO!

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BL
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WHAT IS THAT?!
?!

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BZZP

HE DID IT AGAIN!!
RAIN

SAGE ART! STORM STYLE FANG OF LIGHT!!

ZWOP

FSH

WHOA!!

!

WHACK

GRRR

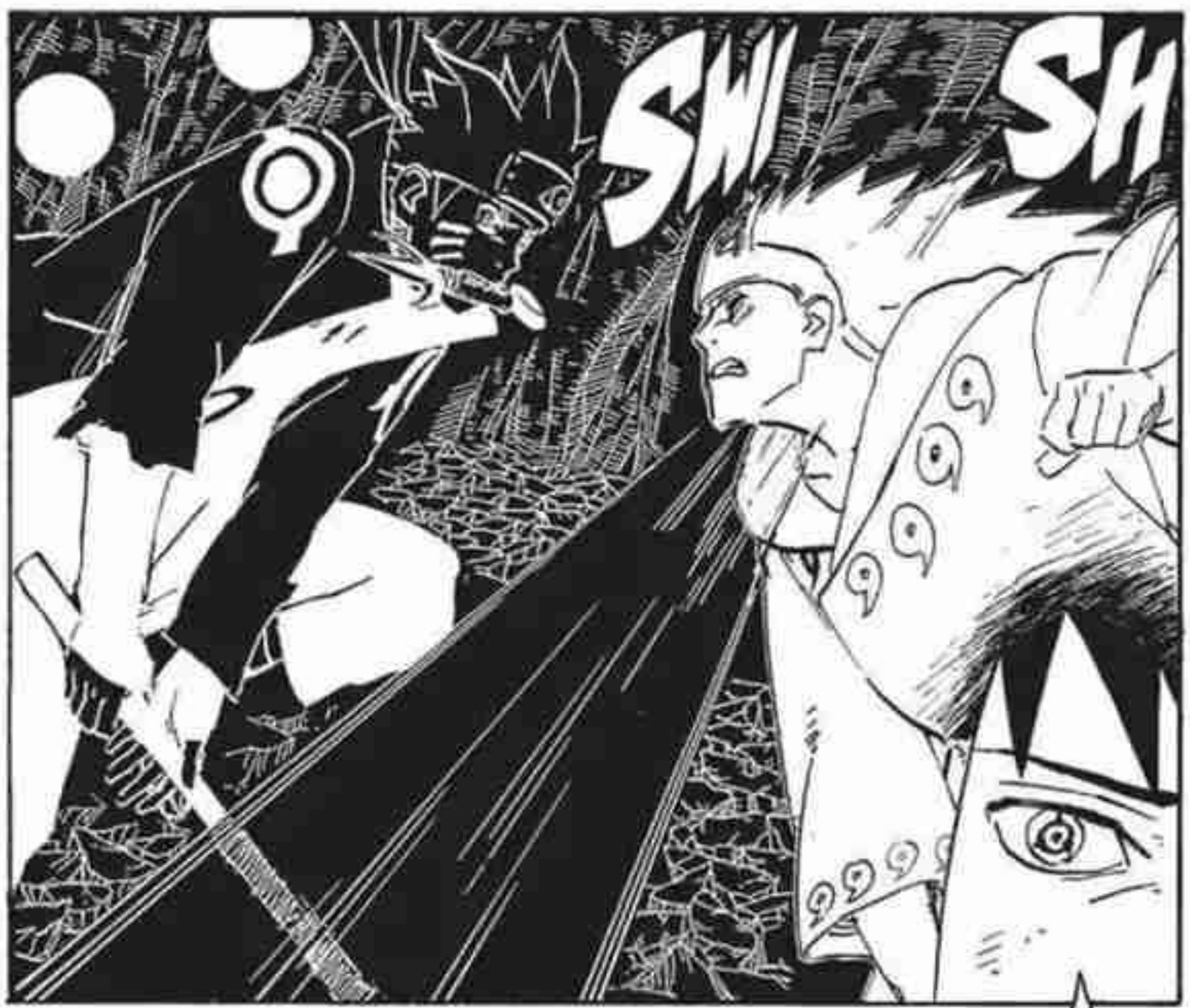
IT'S...

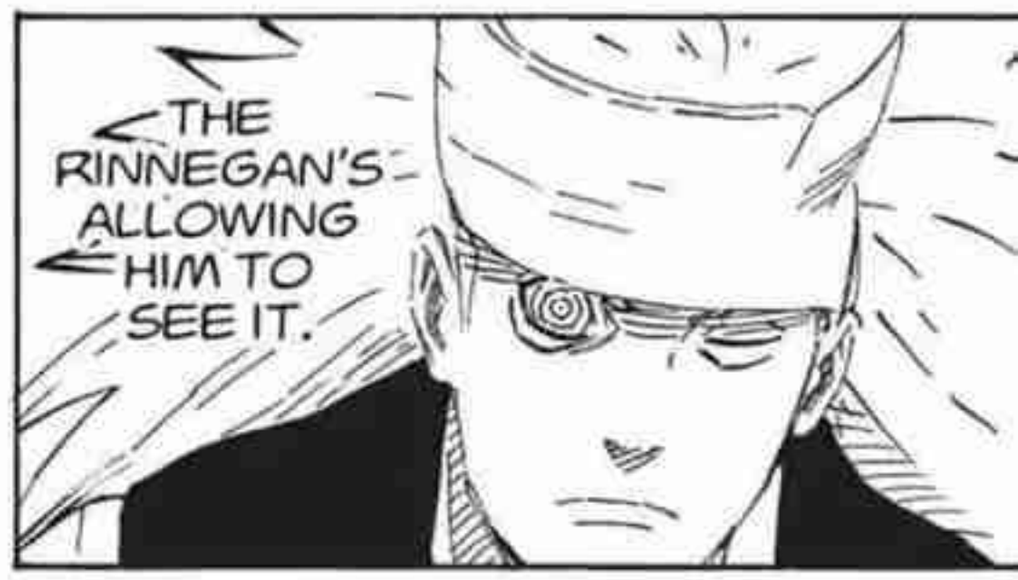
THEY...
... CAN SEE MY LIMBO...

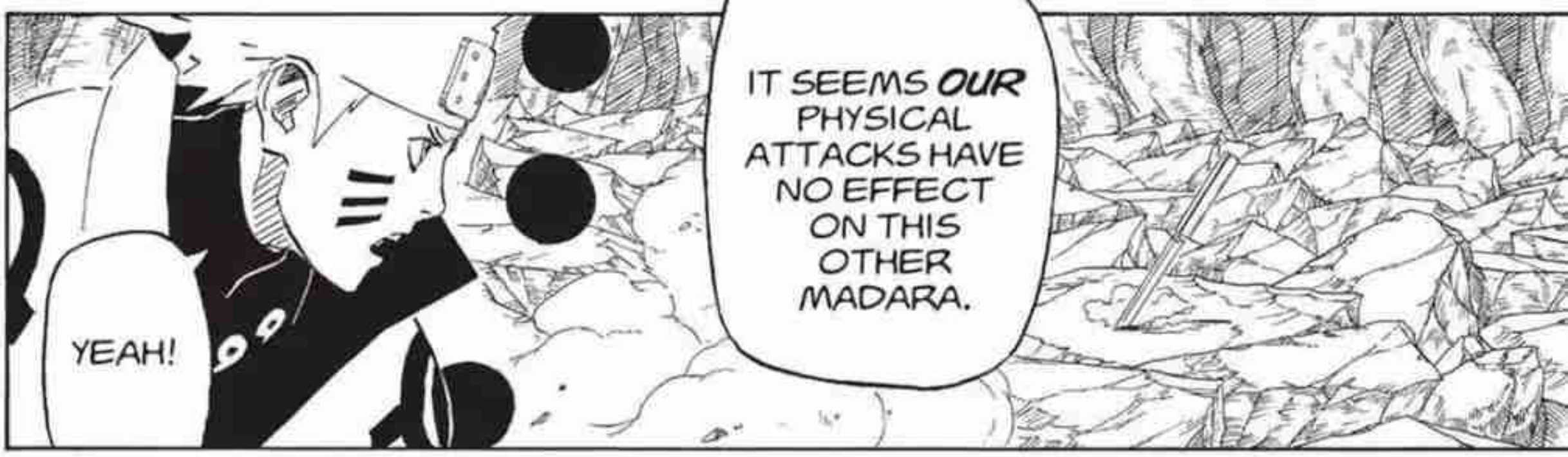
SOME-THING I CAN'T SEE'S...
SASUKE, IT'S HEADED YOUR WAY!

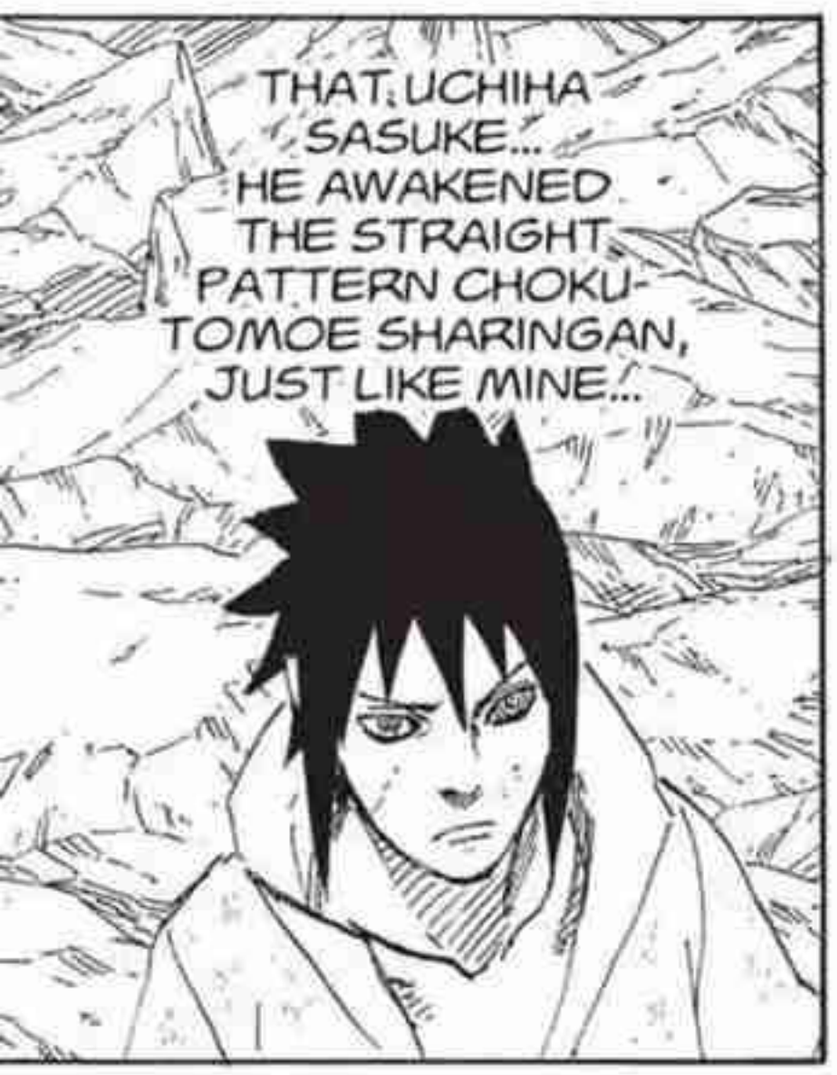
OH YEAH? I CAN SEE IT JUST FINE!
...SCRAM-BLING ABOUT!!

...ANOTHER MADARA.








THAT UCHIHA SASUKE... HE AWAKENED THE STRAIGHT PATTERN CHOKU-TOMOE SHARINGAN, JUST LIKE MINE...

HOW'D THEY BOTH GAIN SUCH POWER SO SUDDENLY?

THE ME THAT EXISTS IN THE INVISIBLE REALM OF LIMBO...
NORMALLY, ONE OUGHTN'T BE ABLE TO SENSE OR SEE IT FROM THIS REALM...

TIK
SASUKE AND I MAY SHARE SOME RELATIONSHIP BEYOND JUST BLOOD.
!!
THEN... I THINK THAT LEFT EYE OF YOURS WILL SUIT ME QUITE WELL!!
VROOM

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?!!

ドカ

!
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO KILL YOU, IS IT?
SHUP
SHUP
THEN TRY IT.

TMP
HUH ?!

SO THAT'S YOUR LEFT EYE'S ABILITY, HUH...
GLARE

THAT WOUND ON HIS RIGHT ARM...!

...CAN AFFECT THE SHADOW MADARA TOO, HUH.

...

THE SIX PATHS SAGE CHAKRA...

SWOO...

TH K

...IS FROM WHEN HE BLOCKED NARUTO'S ATTACK EARLIER...

IT'S ALWAYS PEEVED ME WHEN YOU ORDER ME AROUND...

SOME THINGS APPARENTLY NEVER CHANGE, HUH!

FEH!

I'LL TAKE ON THE VISIBLE ONE. HOWEVER...

NARUTO, IF AND WHEN HIS SHADOW EMERGES AGAIN, YOU GO AFTER THE SHADOW.

SEEMS YOUR SHADOW RETURNS TO YOUR BODY AFTER A FIXED AMOUNT OF TIME.

SHUP

SHUP

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS, BUT GET A SAGE POWER JUTSU READY.

SOMETHING THAT SEALS MOVEMENT.

HE AND HIS SHADOW WILL LIKELY STAY TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

LISTEN, THIS IS OUR CHANCE.

FSH

LET ME FINISH!

NO MATTER WHAT'S HAPPENED, I JUST HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE TWO ARE NO ORDINARY BRATS.

NO... THERE'S NO POINT IN REFLECTING ON WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.

...AND A SHARINGAN JUST LIKE MINE...

IF HE'D ONLY BEEN BORN EARLIER THAN OBITO, I'D HAVE...

...CALM ANALYZING AND JUDGMENT SKILLS...

HE'S GOT SHARP INTUITION...

HE'S POSTULATING THE LIMBO'S DURATION, ACTIVATION INTERVAL... AND HOW TO COUNTER IT...

KLAK

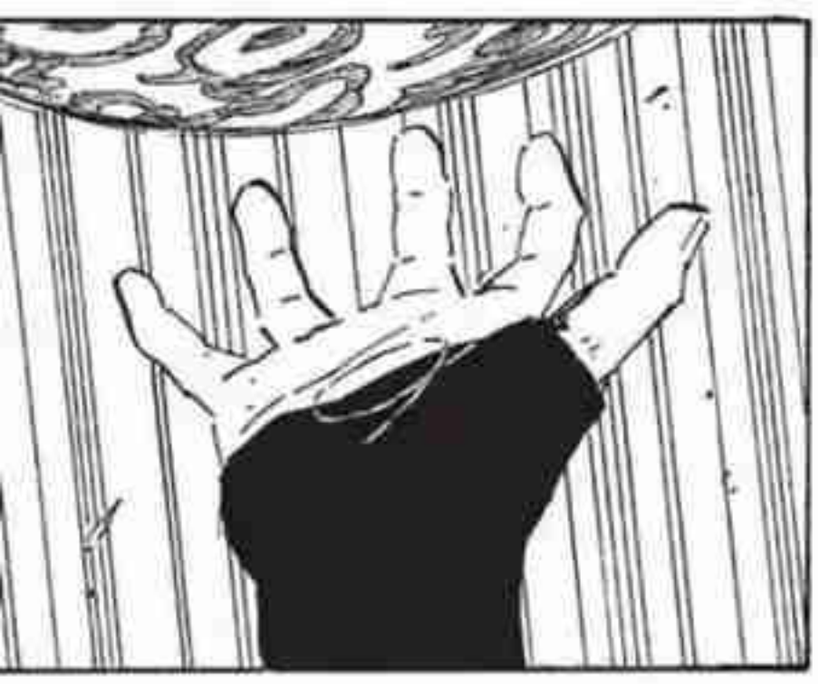
THEN WHY DONCHA USE MY CHAKRA TO BUILD YOUR SEALING JUTSU?

IT'S SHUKAKU.

THANKS, UH... UH...

I NEED TO GET MY OTHER EYE BACK SOON.

NOOP



ZWW...
SAGE ART! MAGNET STYLE RASENGAN!!
WO
OH

CRACKLE
AND I HAVE SIX PATHS POWER TOO...!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
NARUTO, SHOOT YOUR JUTSU RIGHT AT ME!

IT'S STILL A BIT ANNOYING, BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE!

!!

CHIDORI!!
ZIP

WHFFT

AH!

HE SHIFTED ?

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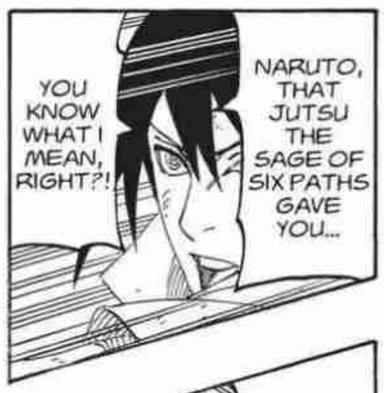
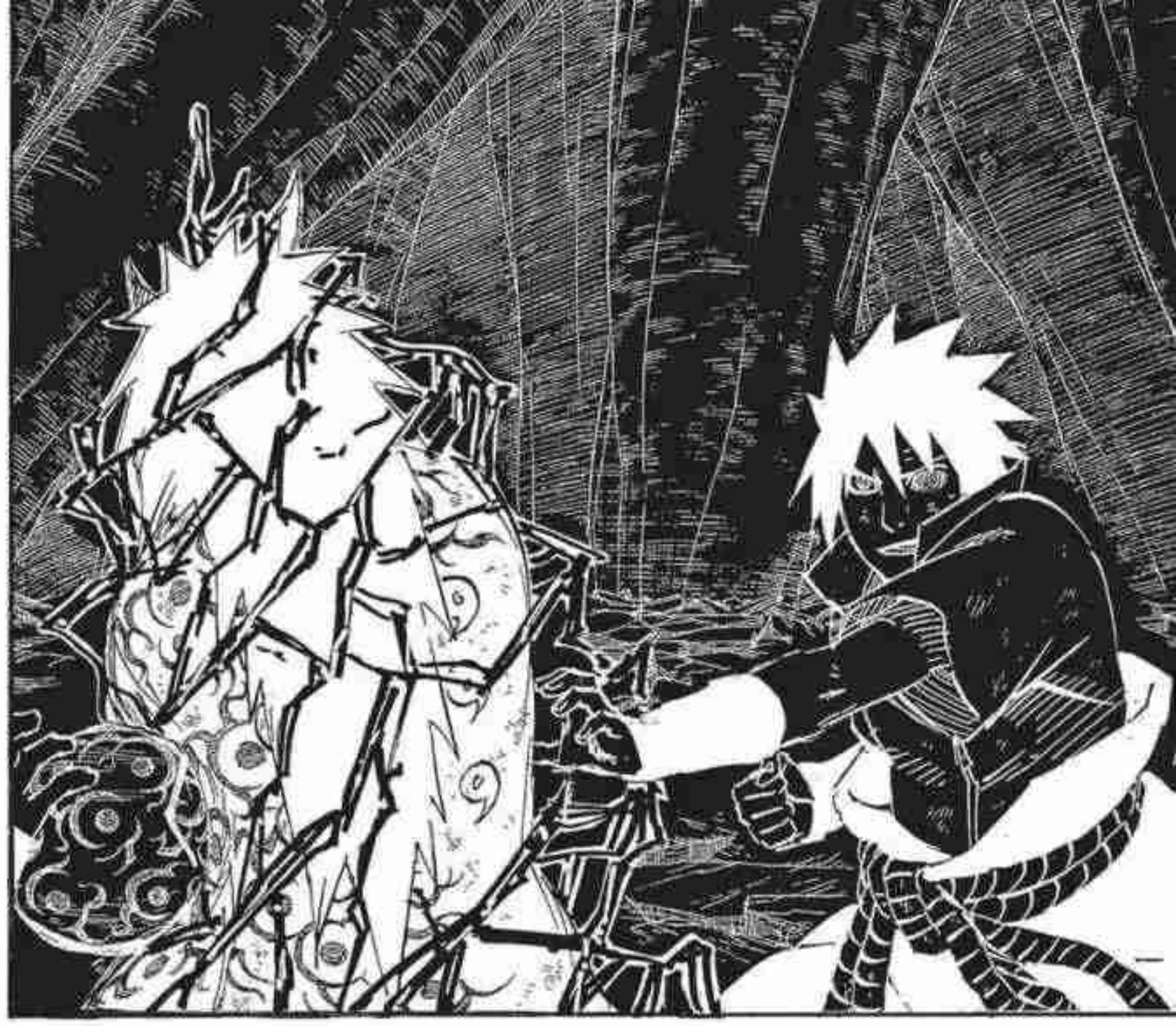

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, RIGHT?!
NARUTO, THAT JUTSU THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS GAVE YOU...

YEAH! THIS IS THE MOMENT ...

BZZZZP
ZWWW

HE SUBSTITUTED IN... HIS SHADOW?!



SASUKE, I'LL HOLD THIS ONE DOWN, SO YOU GO AFTER THE MAIN BODY!

VOOSH
OVER THERE!

MADARA'S HEADING TOWARD...
HURRY, SASUKE!

LOOKS LIKE HIS RINNEGAN CAN'T REACH THIS FAR AWAY.
I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND YOUR LEFT EYE'S ABILITIES, SASUKE.

!

GLINT

?!

HUFF
HAK
...MASTER KAKASHI!!

SHOVE

GOOOE
ARGH!!

BLINK

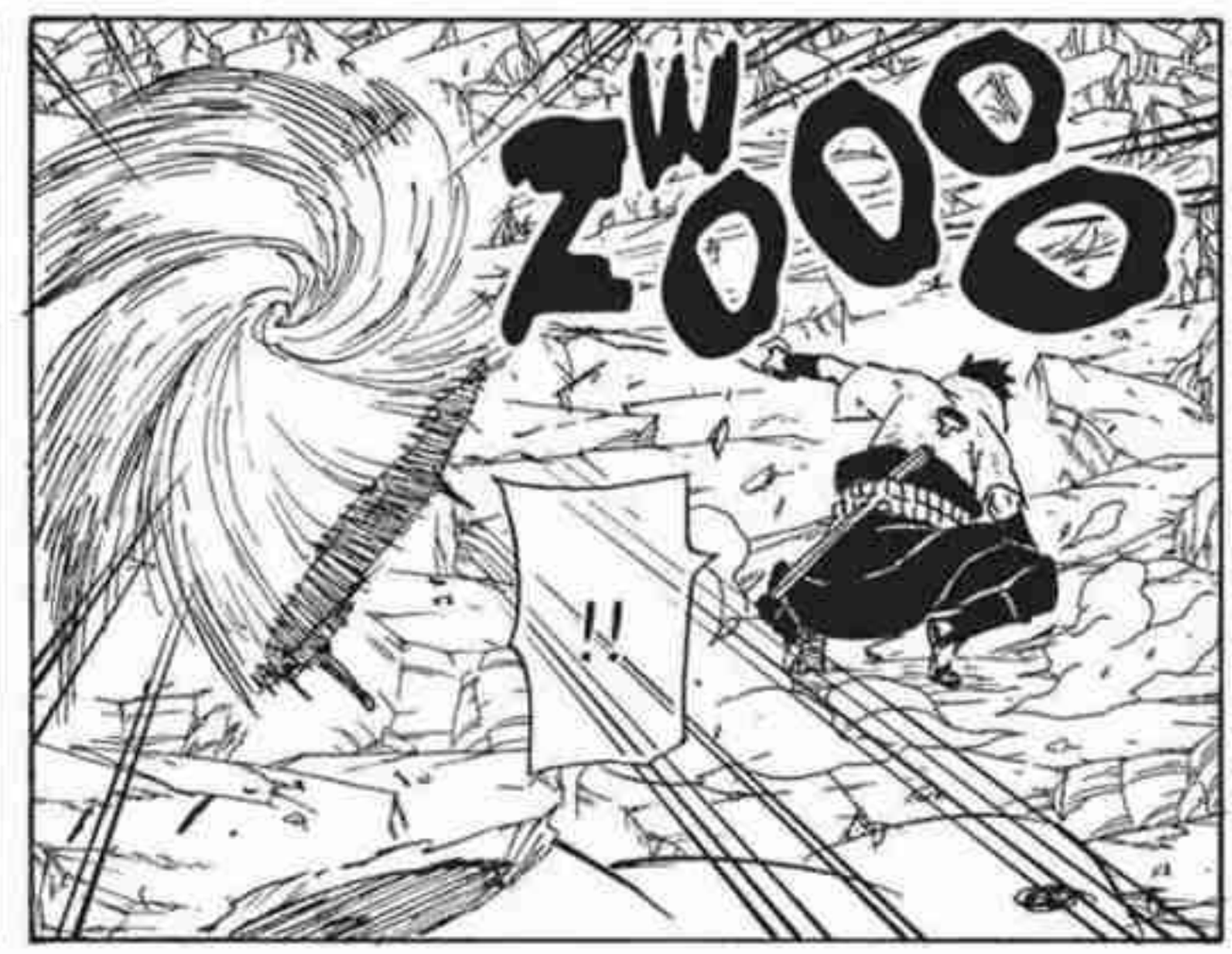
I CAN'T HOLD OFF BLACK ZETSU ANY LONGER...
HURRY UP AND DESTROY MY RINNEGAN.

FSH

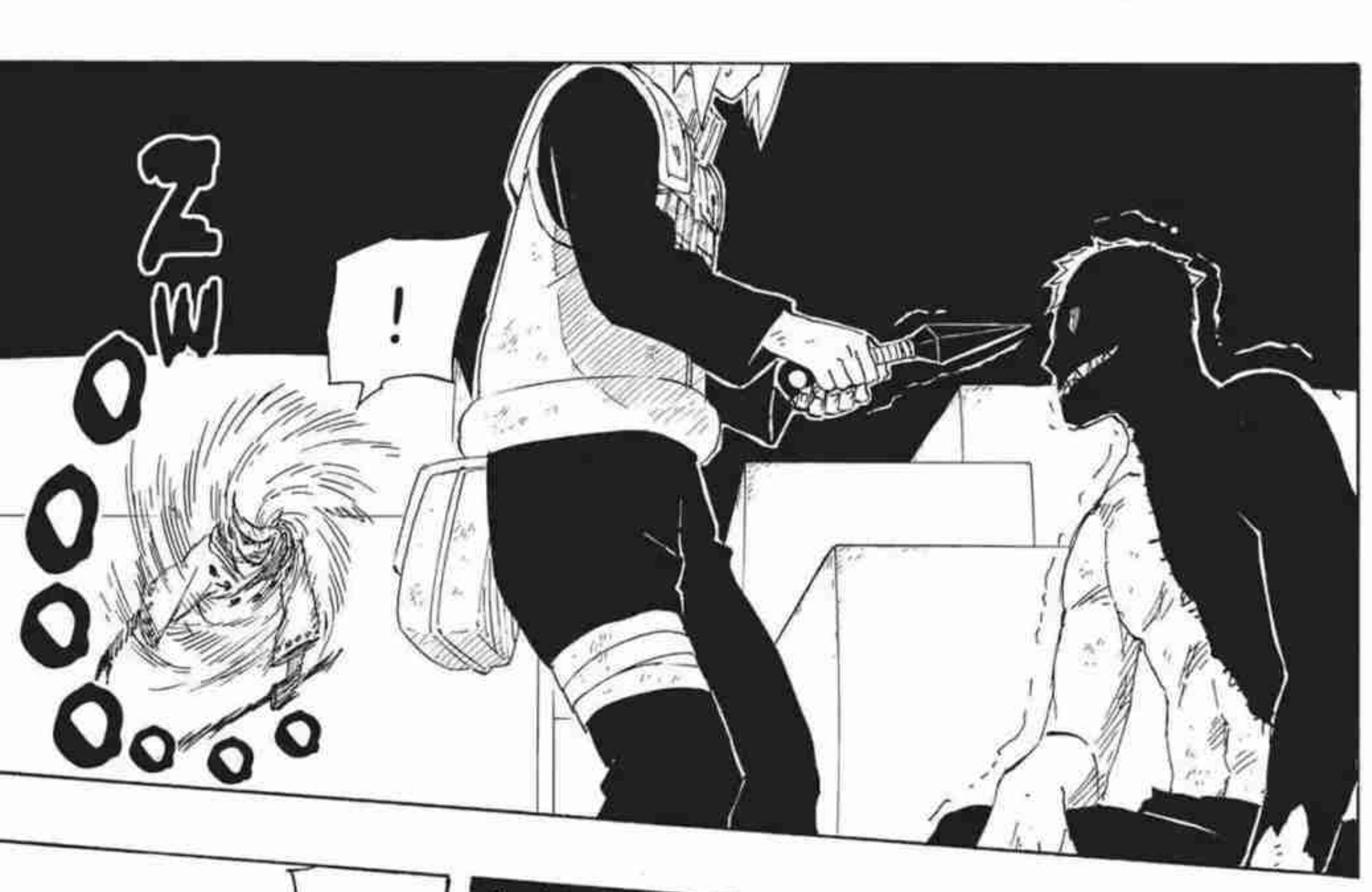
I KNOW !!

SASUKE SURE IS QUICK.

HIS UPPER BODY JUST...
FEH!


ZWOOO
!!

EWWWW


ZOW
!

!!
SH
NO YOU DON'T!!
VW

ZWW...
ZWO
OH

KAMUI!!
!
!!
ZWWWWW

HUMP

UGH!

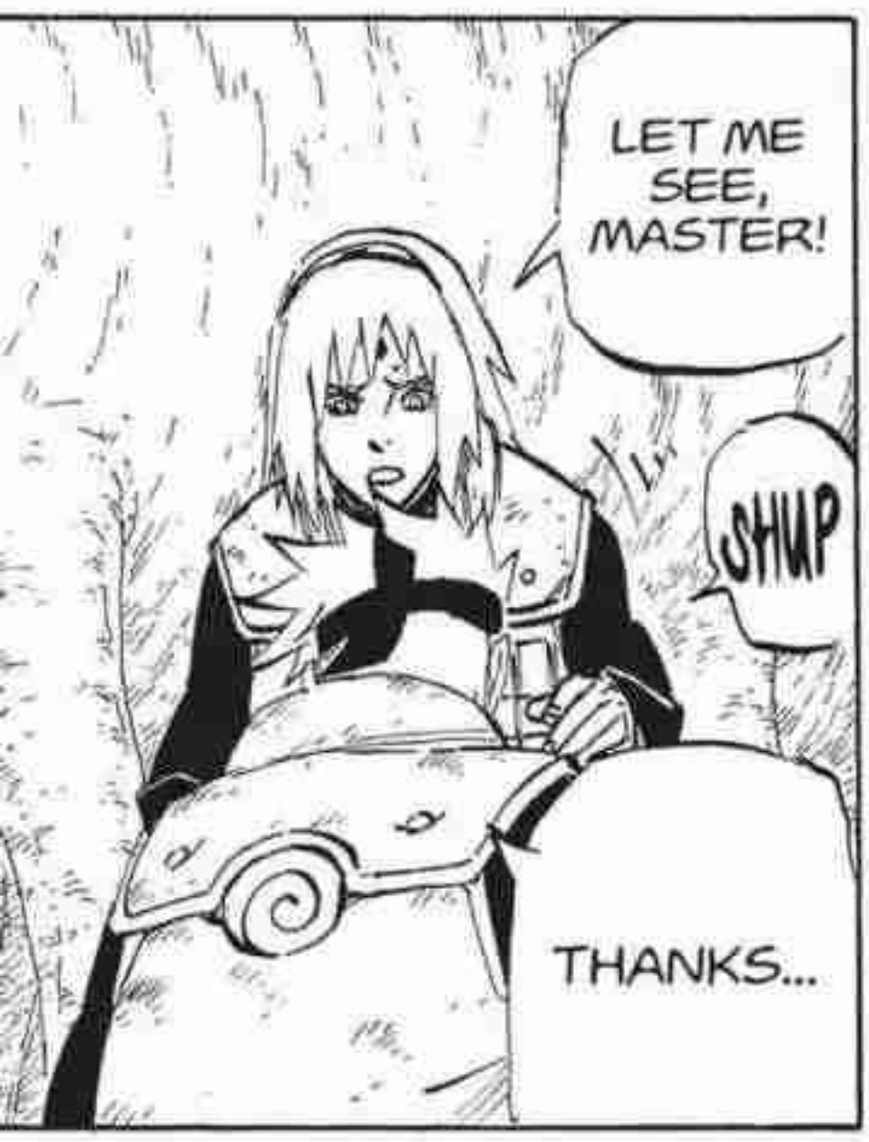
?!
...

MASTER KAKASHI...

?!
SAKURA!

SAKURA, WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
SHE'D BEEN TAKEN TO ANOTHER PLANE.

WHY'RE YOU POPPING UP HERE, SAKURA?
SASUKE!!


LET ME SEE, MASTER!
SHUP
THANKS...

SEEMS MADARA STOLE MY SHARINGAN.
IT HAPPENED IN A FLASH...

MASTER KAKASHI, YOUR LEFT EYE!
!

HUH?!
I BLINKED, AND I WAS BACK OUT HERE...
I'M SURE MADARA USED THE KAMUI TO TELEPORT HIMSELF THERE!
BUT NEVER MIND ME. WHAT OF OBITO?

IF I LET MY GUARD DOWN EVEN A BIT, BLACK ZETSU WILL TAKE OVER MY BODY, RINNEGAN AND ALL.
THEN HE'LL USE MY RIGHT EYE'S OCULAR POWERS TO GO BACK OUTSIDE...
I CAN'T MOVE MUCH AT ALL...
I WANT YOU TO DESTROY THIS LEFT EYE OF MINE THAT HAS THE RINNEGAN...
...THEN IT'S...

I WASN'T ABLE TO IMPLANT BOTH RINNEGAN MYSELF...

TERRIBLE THINGS?!

HOW MUCH WORSE CAN IT GET?!

IF HE ENDS UP WITH BOTH EYES, TERRIBLE THINGS WILL HAPPEN.

...AND THE RINNEGAN WILL FALL INTO MADARA'S HANDS...

...I FEAR NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST HIM.

IF BOTH RINNEGAN ARE RESTORED TO THEIR TRUE OWNER...

BUT...

EVEN THIS ONE EYE'S CHAKRA AND OCULAR POWERS ARE SO STRONG I STARTED LOSING MYSELF.

YET I, WHO AM NOT ITS ORIGINAL OWNER, WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MUCH WITH JUST ONE.

WHAT IS IT, SAKURA?!

SHUDDER

!!

NOW! QUICKLY, DESTROY THIS LEFT EYE!

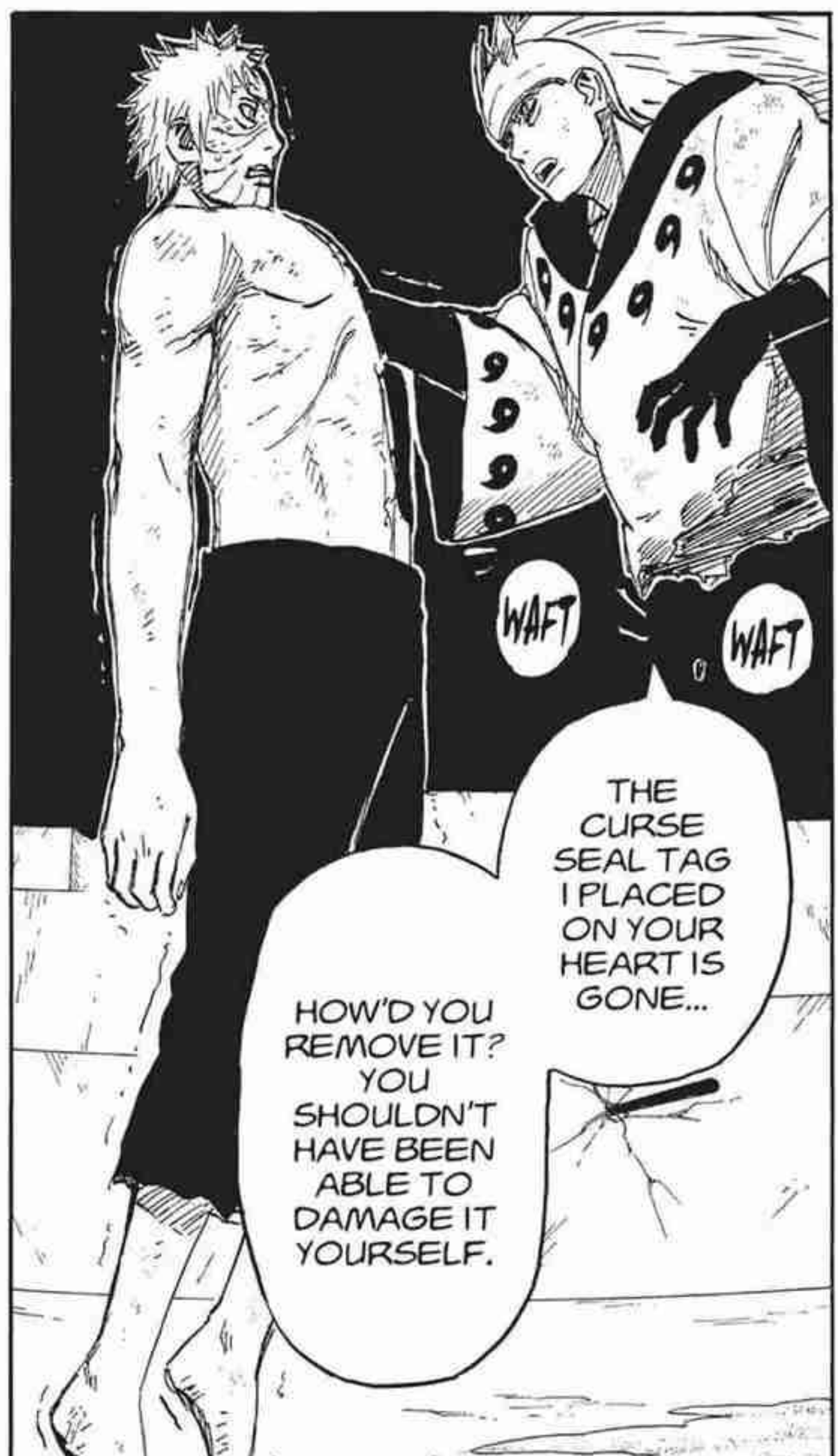
WITH OCULAR POWERS, ONLY WITH BOTH EYES TOGETHER CAN THEIR FULL POWER BE UNLEASHED...

KLENCH

OBITO HAD REACHED HIS LIMIT. HE COULD BARELY MOVE...
WE'RE IN TROUBLE!!
WHICH MEANS MADARA'S GOING TO GET OBITO'S RINNEGAN !!

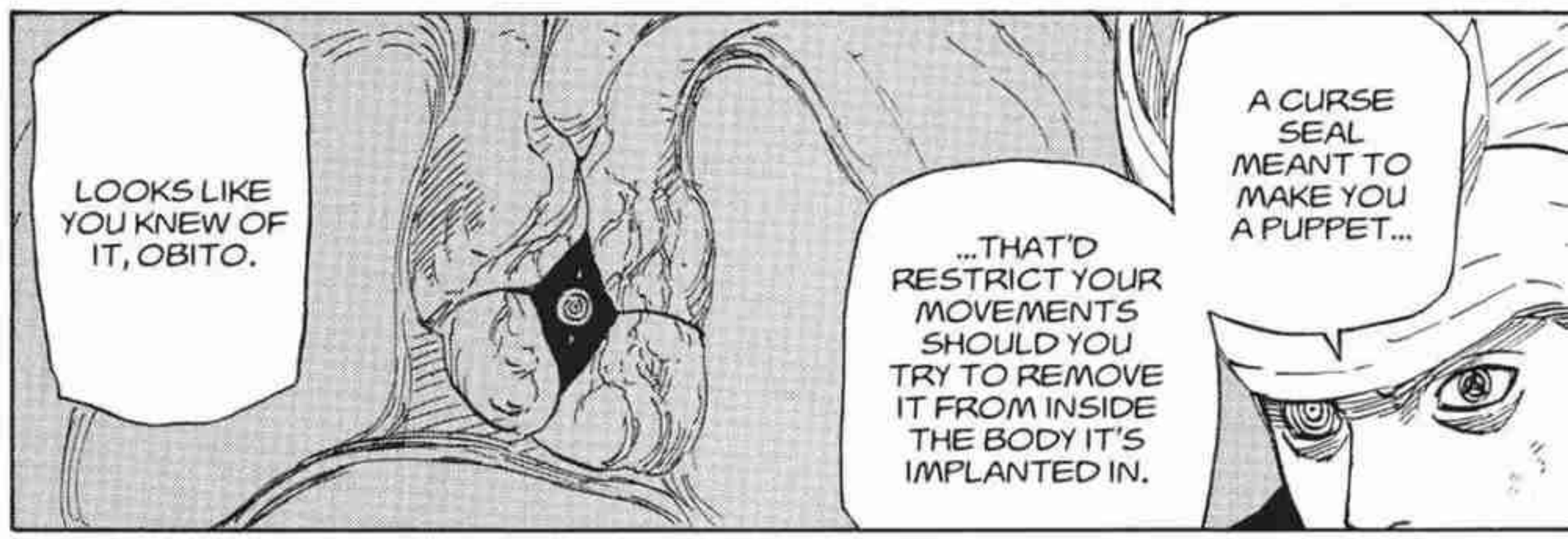
I HAD KAKASHI STAB THROUGH ME... AND GOT RID OF IT THAT WAY...
SINCE IT WAS IN THE WAY... OF MY MAKING MYSELF INTO TEN TAILS' JINCHURIKI...

...BUT I WASN'T... GOING TO KEEP DOING WHAT YOU WANTED...
I GAMBLED MY LIFE ON IT...


WAFT
WAFT
THE CURSE SEAL TAG I PLACED ON YOUR HEART IS GONE...
HOW'D YOU REMOVE IT? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DAMAGE IT YOURSELF.

...?!
WHAT'S... SO FUNNY?!

EXCEEDED MY HOPES, IN FACT...
HEH HEH HEH. NO, NO, YOU DID EXACTLY AS I'D INTENDED.


LOOKS LIKE YOU KNEW OF IT, OBITO.
...THAT'D RESTRICT YOUR MOVEMENTS SHOULD YOU TRY TO REMOVE IT FROM INSIDE THE BODY IT'S IMPLANTED IN.
A CURSE SEAL MEANT TO MAKE YOU A PUPPET...

THE... TWO OF YOU...?!
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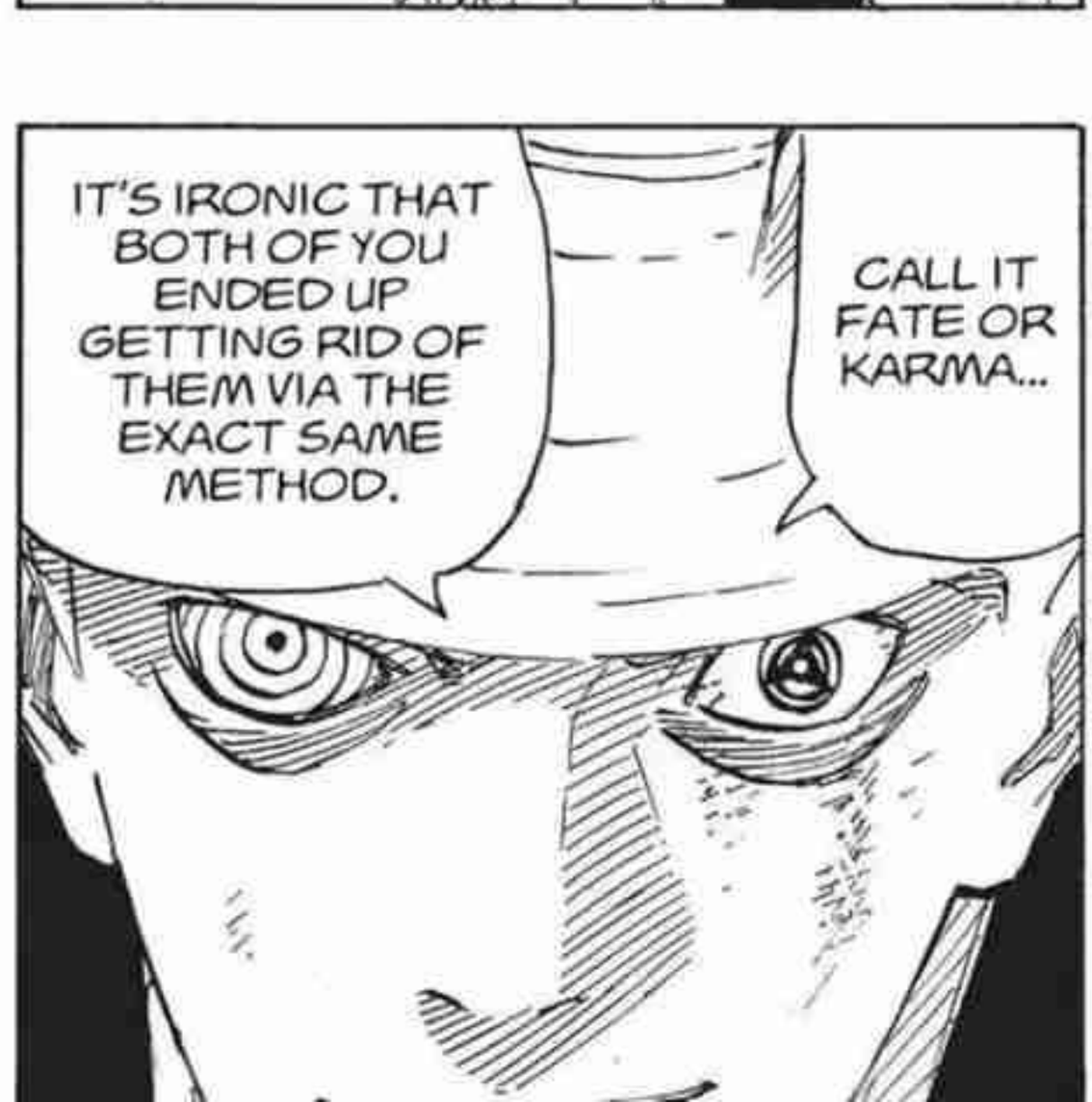
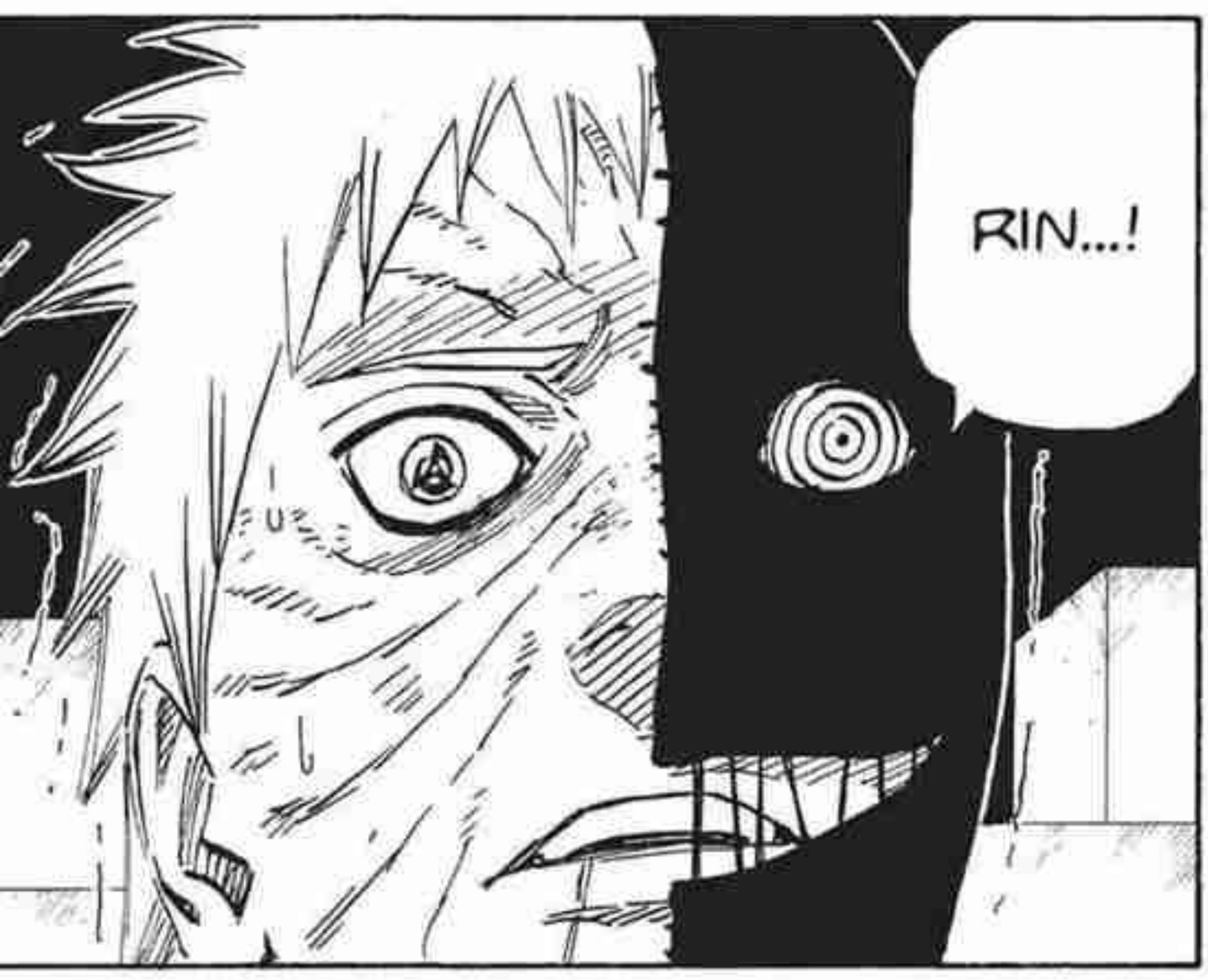
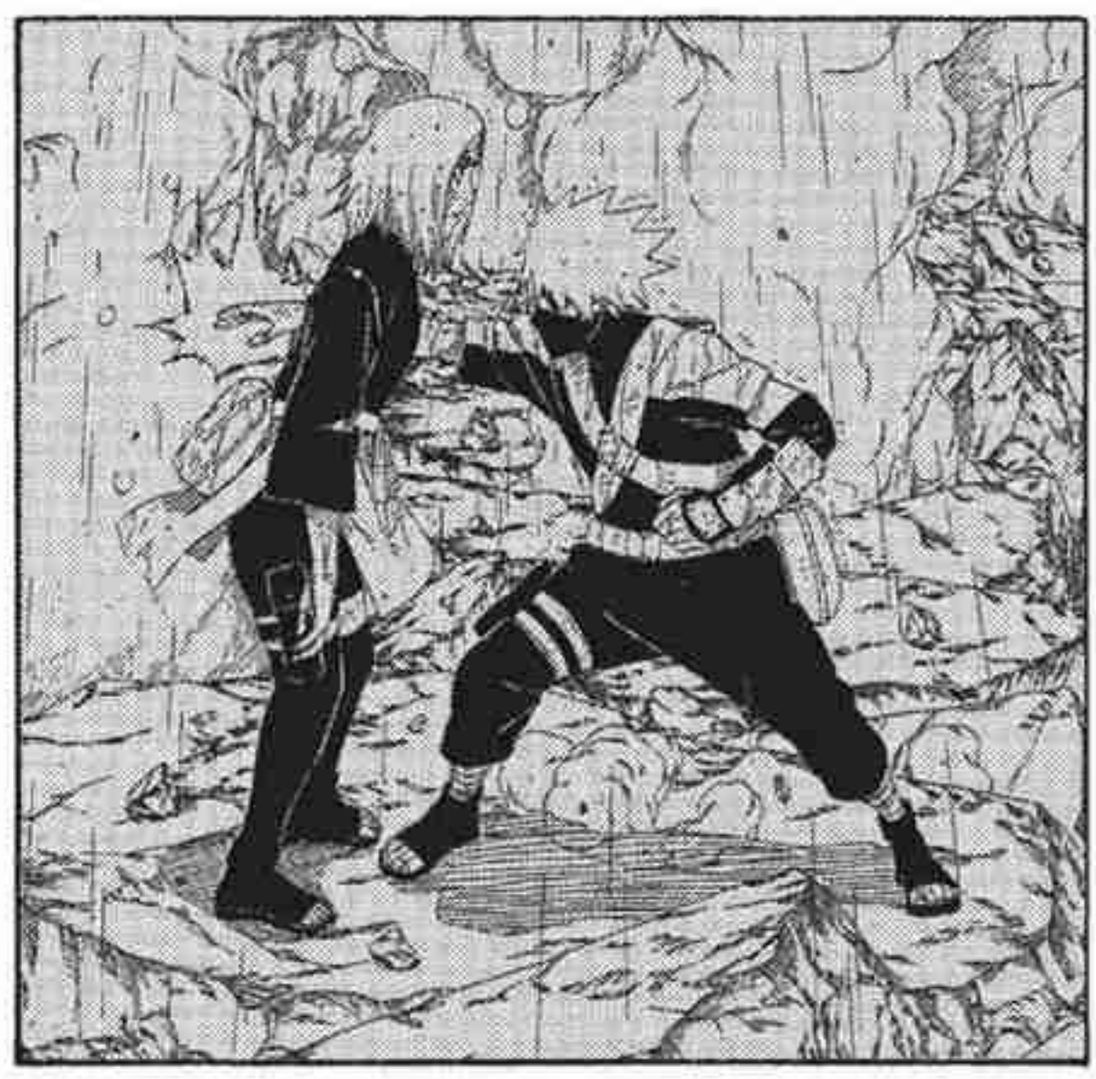

IT'S IRONIC THAT BOTH OF YOU ENDED UP GETTING RID OF THEM VIA THE EXACT SAME METHOD.
CALL IT FATE OR KARMA...

NATURALLY, YOU COULDN'T HAVE KILLED YOURSELVES, EITHER.
ABOUT THESE CURSE TAGS I IMPLANTED IN THE TWO OF YOU...
SINCE YOU BOTH WERE MY PRECIOUS PAWNS.





THAT'S RIGHT.

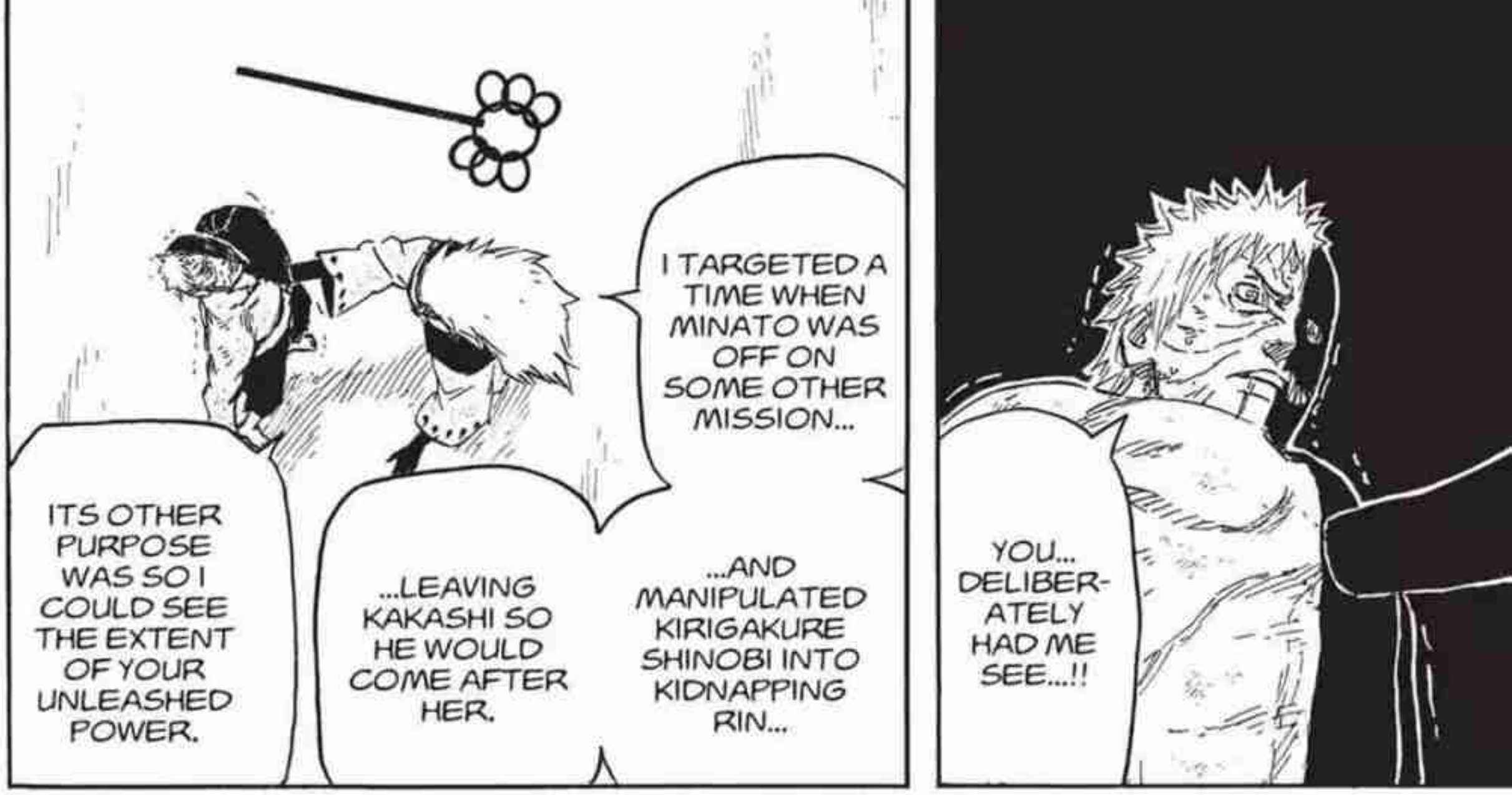
THAT LASS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF KAKASHI'S MOVE TOWARD THE ENEMY TO FOIL IT, AT THE COST OF HER LIFE...

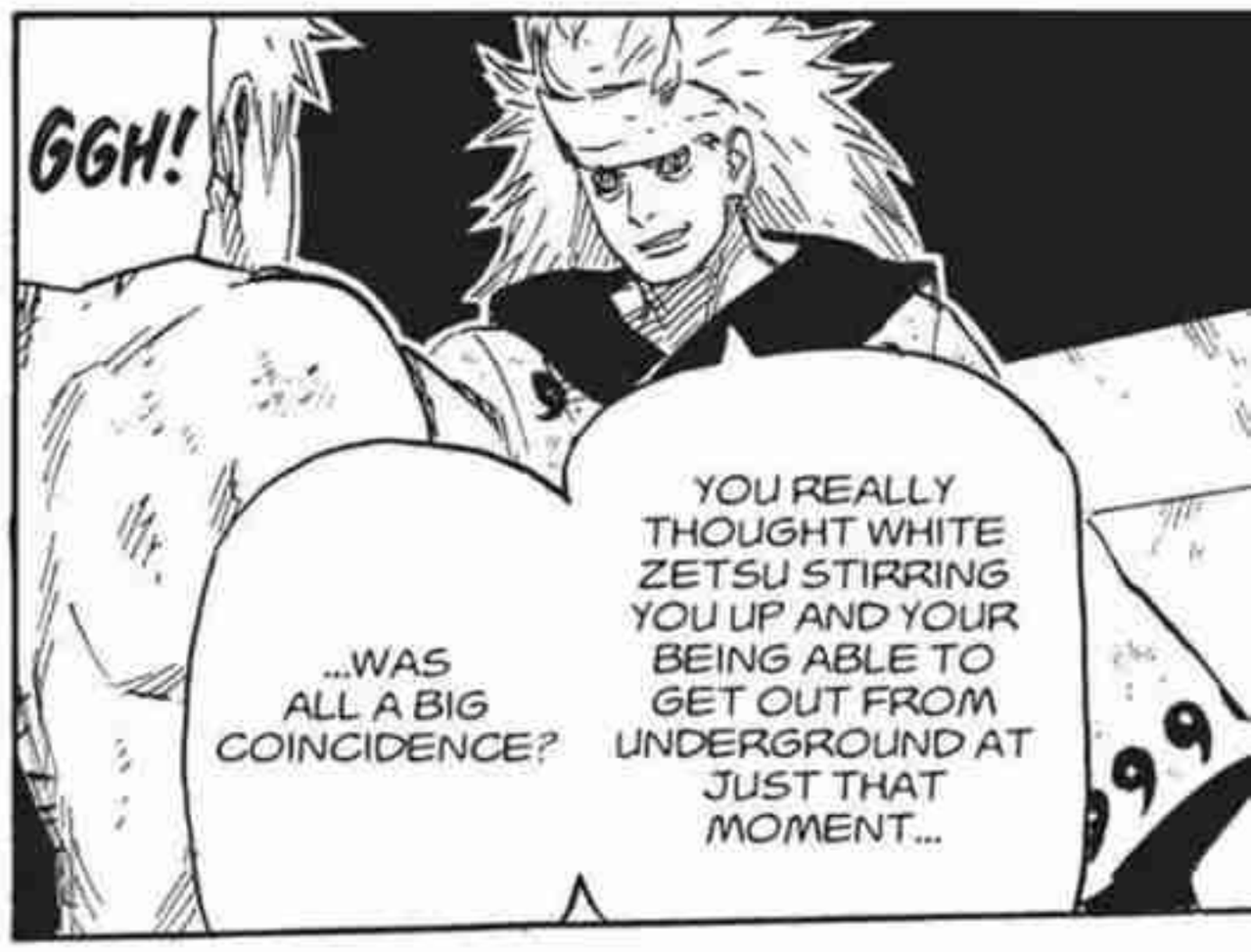
BUT THAT TOO WAS PART OF THE PLAN...

THAT PLOT TO MAKE THAT LASS INTO THREE TAILS' JINCHURIKI AND HAVE HER RAMPAGE THROUGH KONOHA WAS MINE, NOT KIRIGAKURE'S.

...INTO DARKNESS AND MAKE YOU MY PAWN.

IN ORDER TO PITCH YOU...





EITHER WAY, I'D HAVE HAD MY PUPPET SHINOBI KILL HER...

THOUGH THAT LASS DYING BY KAKASHI'S HAND WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

GGH...

AND IF THERE ISN'T ANY DARKNESS, YOU CREATE SOME...
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S PRESUMPTUOUS TO CONSIDER YOURSELF ANY DIFFERENT?
GRIND GRIND
I TAUGHT YOU TO USE THE DARKNESS IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS TO MANIPULATE THEM, DIDN'T I?

WASN'T ELDER CARE YOUR SPECIALTY?
YOU WERE GENUINELY DEVOTED TO AND KIND TO OTHERS.

WHY ME?!
WHY...

THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING I NEED NOW FOR THINGS TO FULLY GO MY WAY.
...
KLENCH

ONCE YOU FELL INTO DARKNESS, IT WOULD CONVERSELY TRANSFORM INTO AN EQUALLY PROFOUND HATRED...
...FOR THIS WORLD.
YOUR DEEP LOVE...
...FOR RIN...
...FOR YOUR COMRADES...
...FOR THE HOKAGE, AND ALL OTHER SHINOBI...

I'LL BE TAKING THAT LEFT EYE BACK.

YOINK...

YOU CAN'T MOVE NO MORE!!

THIS SHOULD DO IT!!

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THEY MIGHT EMERGE... KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.
SO THAT'S WHAT OBITO SAID, HUH?

I'M LEAVING HIM TO YOU!
ZSH
SURE! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!!

MY SHADOW DOPPELGANGER AND I IMMOBILIZED HIM WITH SIX PATHS RODS!
SHOOM
WHAT ABOUT HIS SHADOW?
!

!

FSH
!

LET ME...?
SHUP
HEY, SAKURA.
NA-RUTO ?
?

NARUTO ?!

FSH

TRY OPENING THAT EYE, MASTER KAKASHI.

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO, NARUTO?

SHH, JUST WATCH...

!!!

...

FSH

I WAS TELLING EVERYONE NOT TO LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN, NARUTO.

...I TOOK A PART OF MASTER KAKASHI AND THEN KINDA... UM...

ER... IT'S KINDA HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT...

NO WAY!!

HOW'D YOU DO THAT?!

WHAT ?!

FOR REAL?!

MADARA TOOK KAKASHI'S EYE AND WENT TO WHERE OBITO IS.

HE'LL EMERGE NEXT WITH BOTH RINNEGAN IN HIM!

AND YOU STILL OWE ME AN EXPLANATION ...

YEESH! QUIT YOUR CHEEKY TALKING BACK FOR ONCE, NARUTO!

HUH?! BUT IT'S THE FIRST *I'M* HEARING OF IT!

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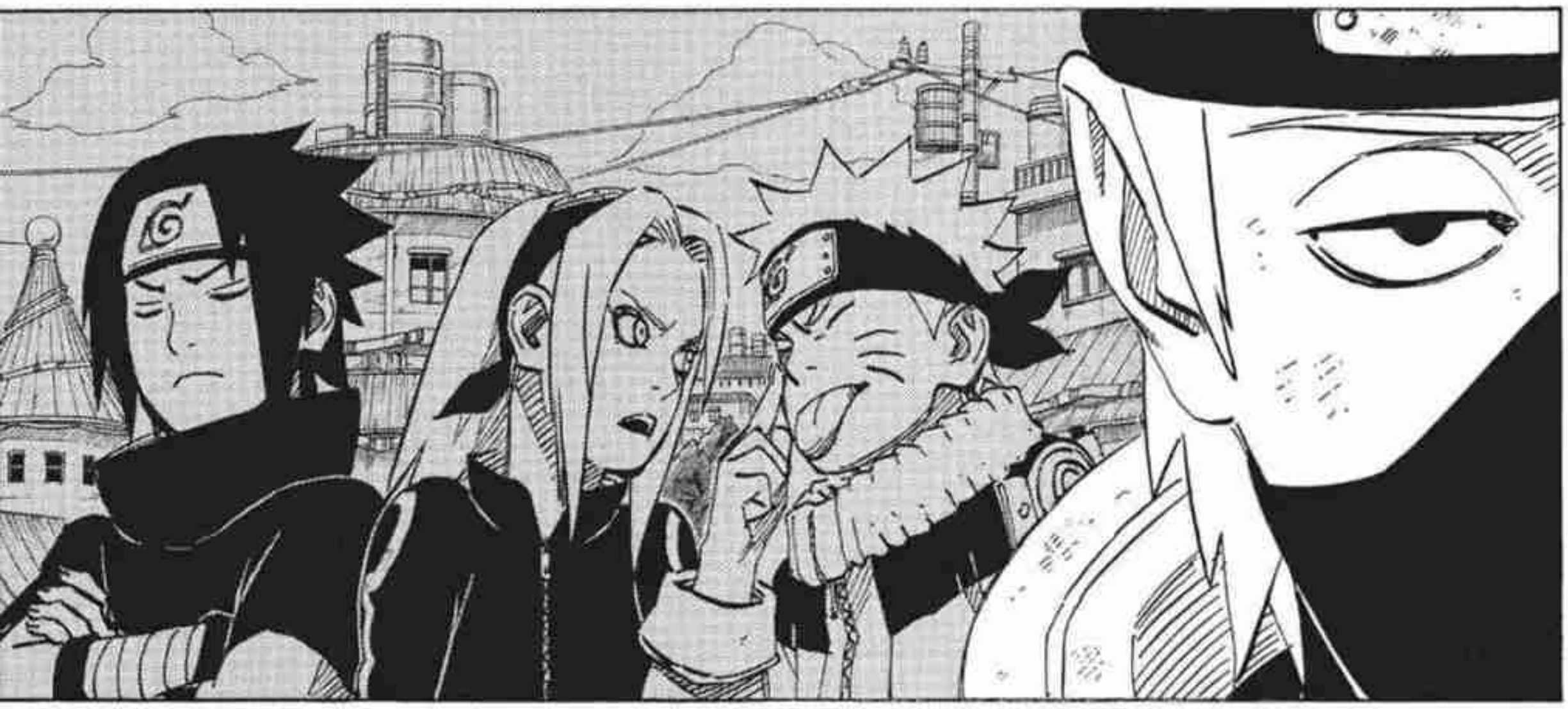


AND THEN ALL THE VILLAGERS WILL HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY EXISTENCE AT LAST!!
...BE A BETTER SHINOBI THAN LORD HOKAGE!!

WHAT I LIKE EVEN BETTER IS WHEN MASTER IRUKA TREATS ME TO RAMEN AT THE ICHIRAKU NOODLE BAR!!
ME, RIGHT?! MY NAME IS UZUMAKI NARUTO!
WHAT I LIKE IS INSTANT CUP RAMEN!
MY DREAM IS TO ONE DAY...
WHAT I HATE IS THE THREE-MINUTE WAIT AFTER I POUR IN THE BOILING WATER.

I PLAN TO RESTORE MY CLAN. AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN...
...TO KILL.

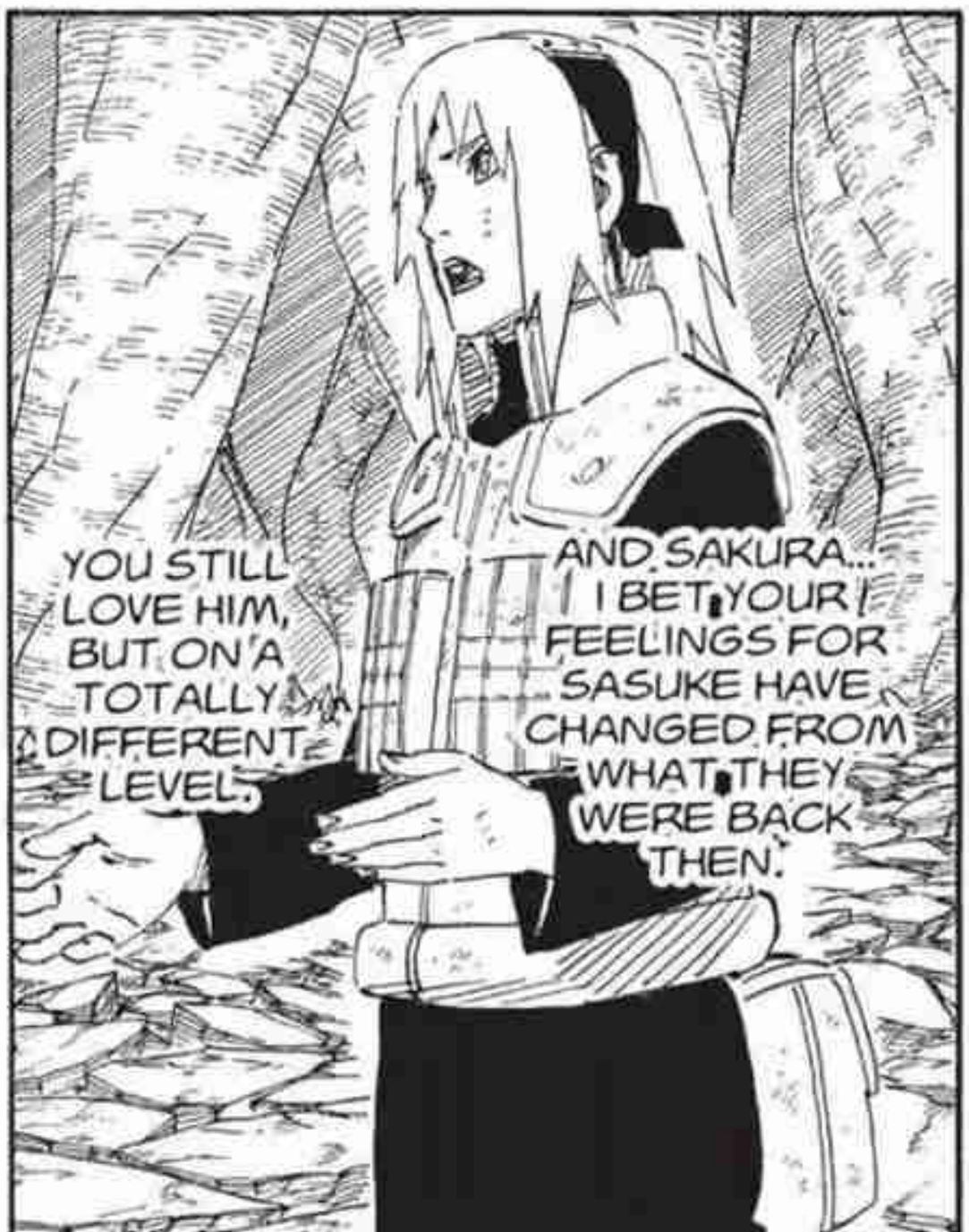
THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I HATE, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT MATTERS, CONSIDERING THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING I DO LIKE.
MY NAME IS UCHIHA SASUKE.
IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO TALK ABOUT "DREAMS"... THAT'S JUST A WORD, BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS DETERMINATION.

UH... LET'S MOVE ON TO MY DREAM.
MY FAVORITE THING IS... WELL IT'S NOT A THING, IT'S A PERSON. A BOY... AND THAT BOY IS...
I AM HARUNO SAKURA.

...
BLUSH!

...

...AND BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL AND BECOME A HERO, BUT HOKAGE IS STILL YOUR DREAM.
YOU'VE ALREADY SURPASSED THE HOKAGE, NARUTO...


YOU STILL LOVE HIM, BUT ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL.
AND SAKURA... I BET YOUR FEELINGS FOR SASUKE HAVE CHANGED FROM WHAT THEY WERE BACK THEN.

NOW THAT ITACHI IS GONE, WHAT DO YOU DESIRE-- TOWARD WHAT ARE YOU HEADING...?
SASUKE... YOUR DREAM WAS TO KILL ITACHI.

YOU WON'T CUT HIM OFF, NO MATTER WHAT, AND YOU THINK IT YOUR DUTY TO SAVE HIM FROM THE DARKNESS.
HE TRIED TO TAKE YOUR LIFE, YET YOU STILL CARE FOR HIM.
THAT'S THE KIND, GENTLE GIRL YOU ARE.

!
...

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT DREAM?
SASUKE ...

I WAS YOUR TEACHER; BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL... ...EVEN NOW...

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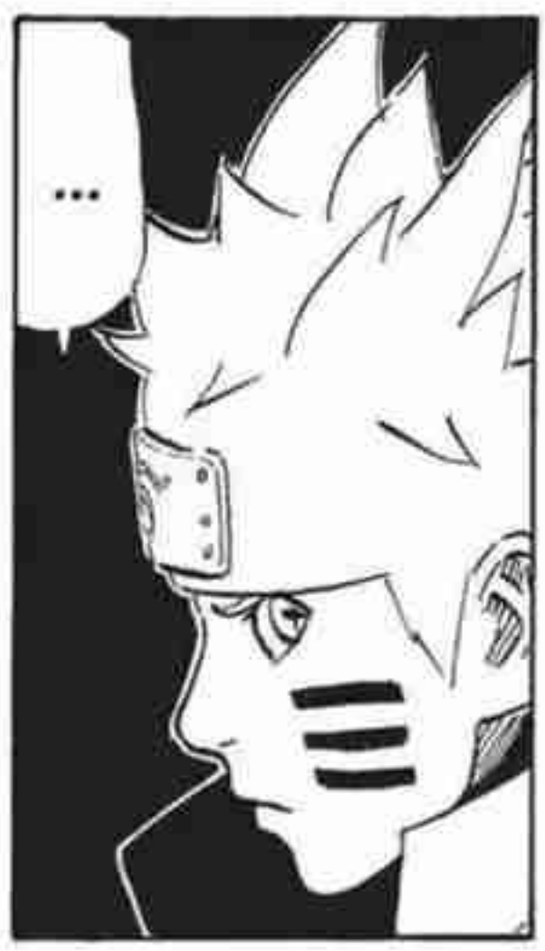
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WHAT'S THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND YOU SAYING...
...YOU'LL BECOME HOKAGE ?

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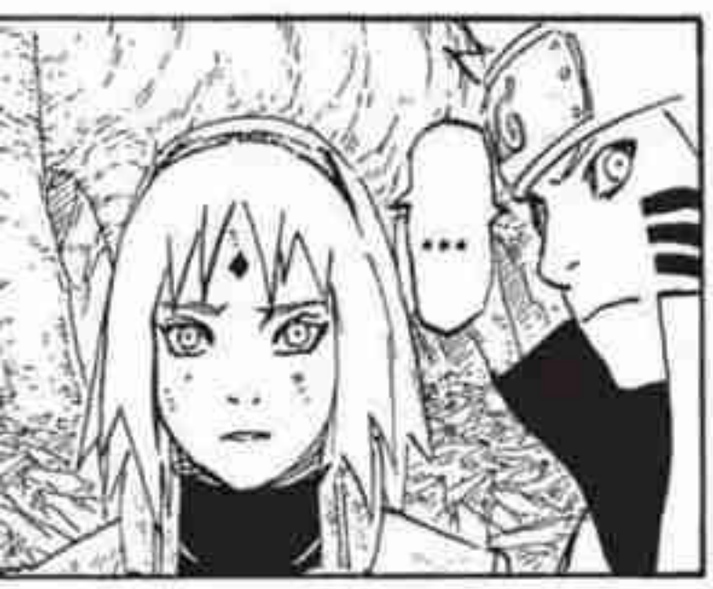

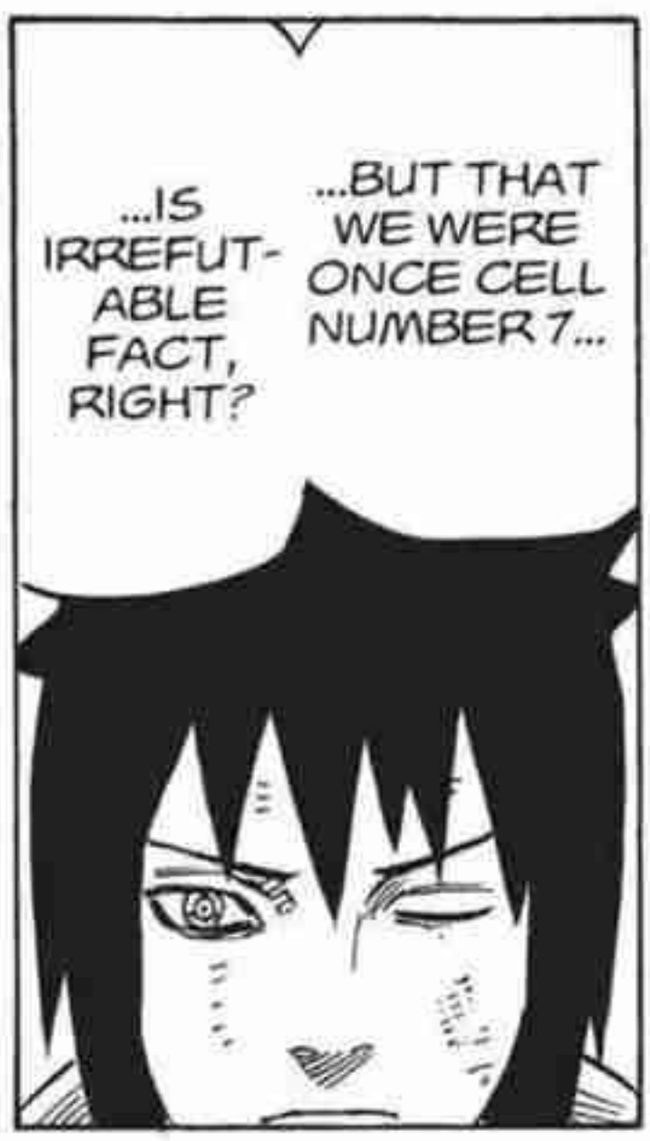

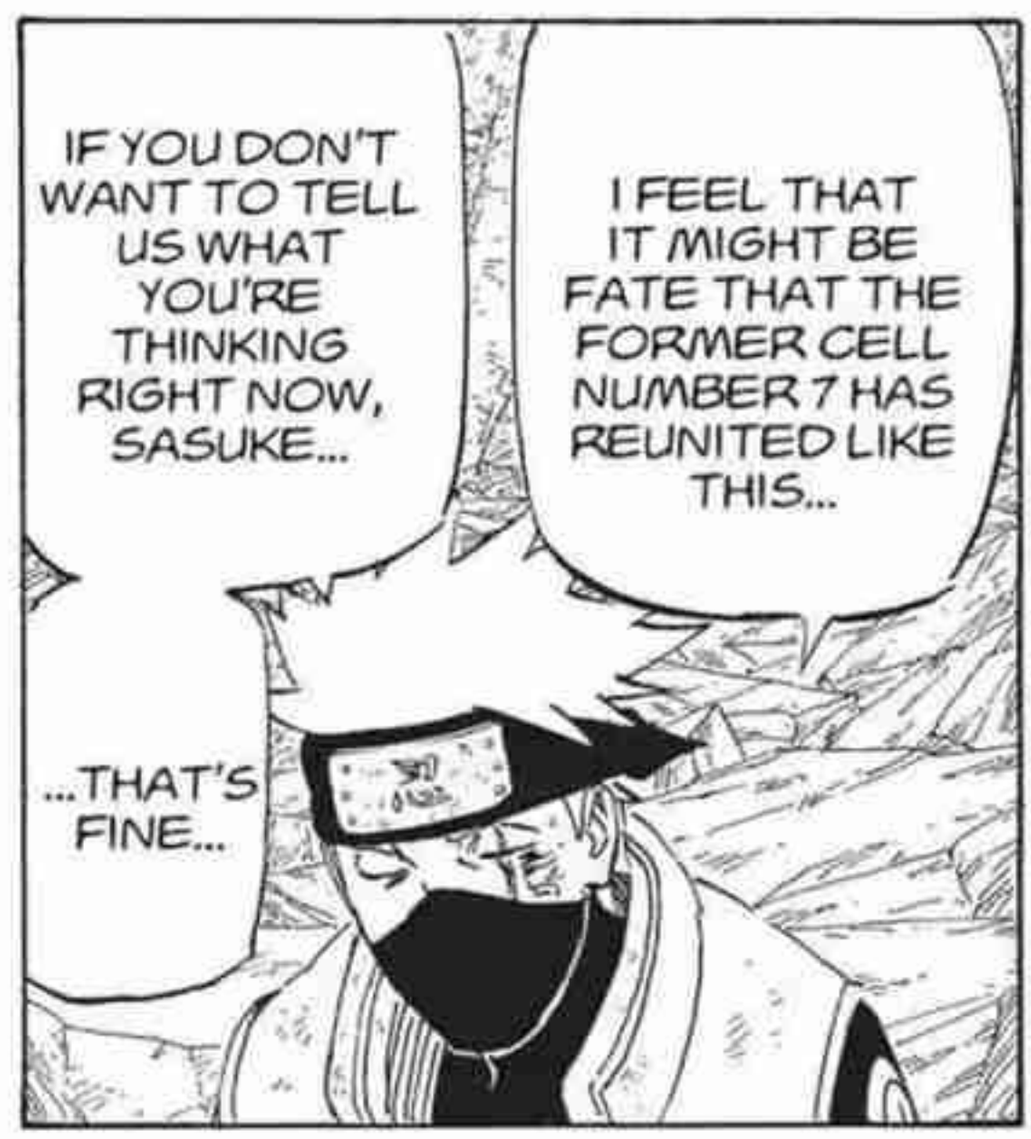

NOPE!

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT LESSON, HAVE YOU?

REMEMBER YOUR VERY FIRST MISSION, TO STEAL MY BELLS?

SHUCH

HMPH...

OF COURSE NOT!!

TEAM-WORK'S THE KEY!!

WWW

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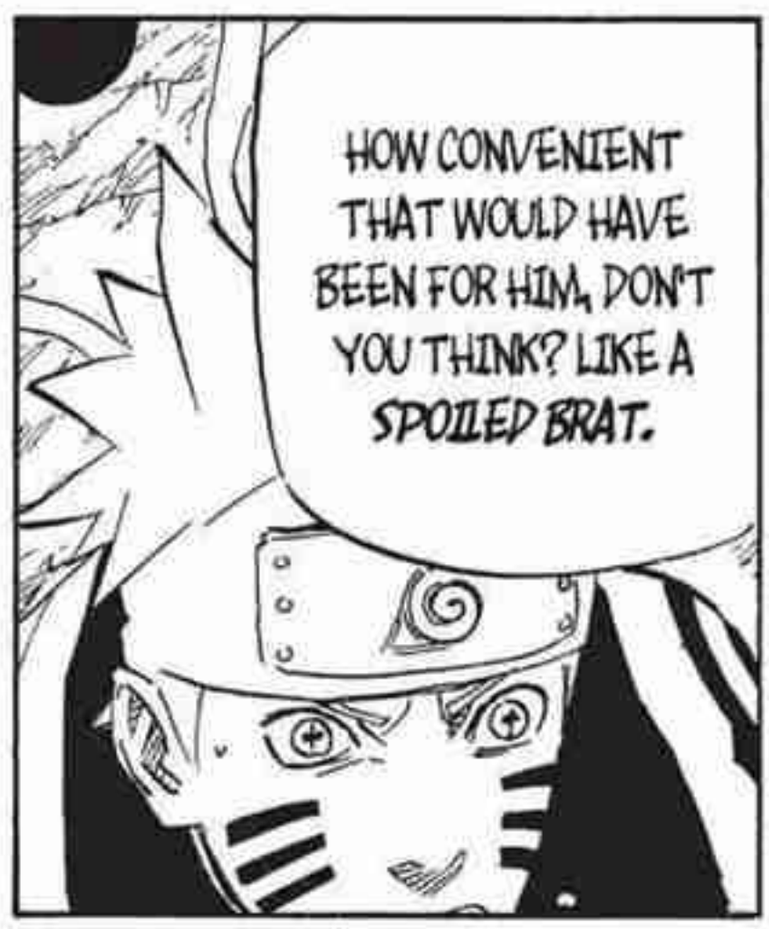
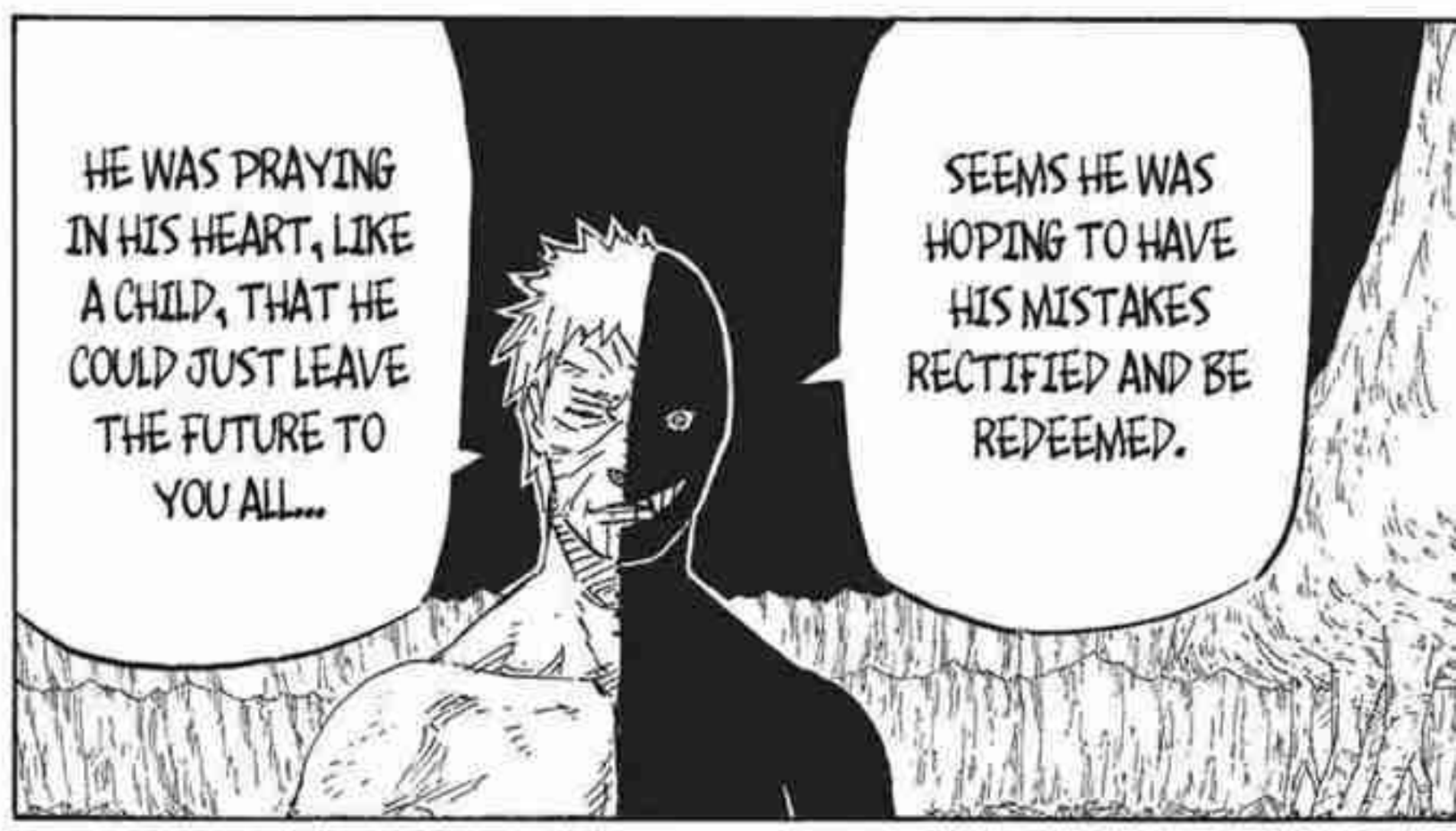
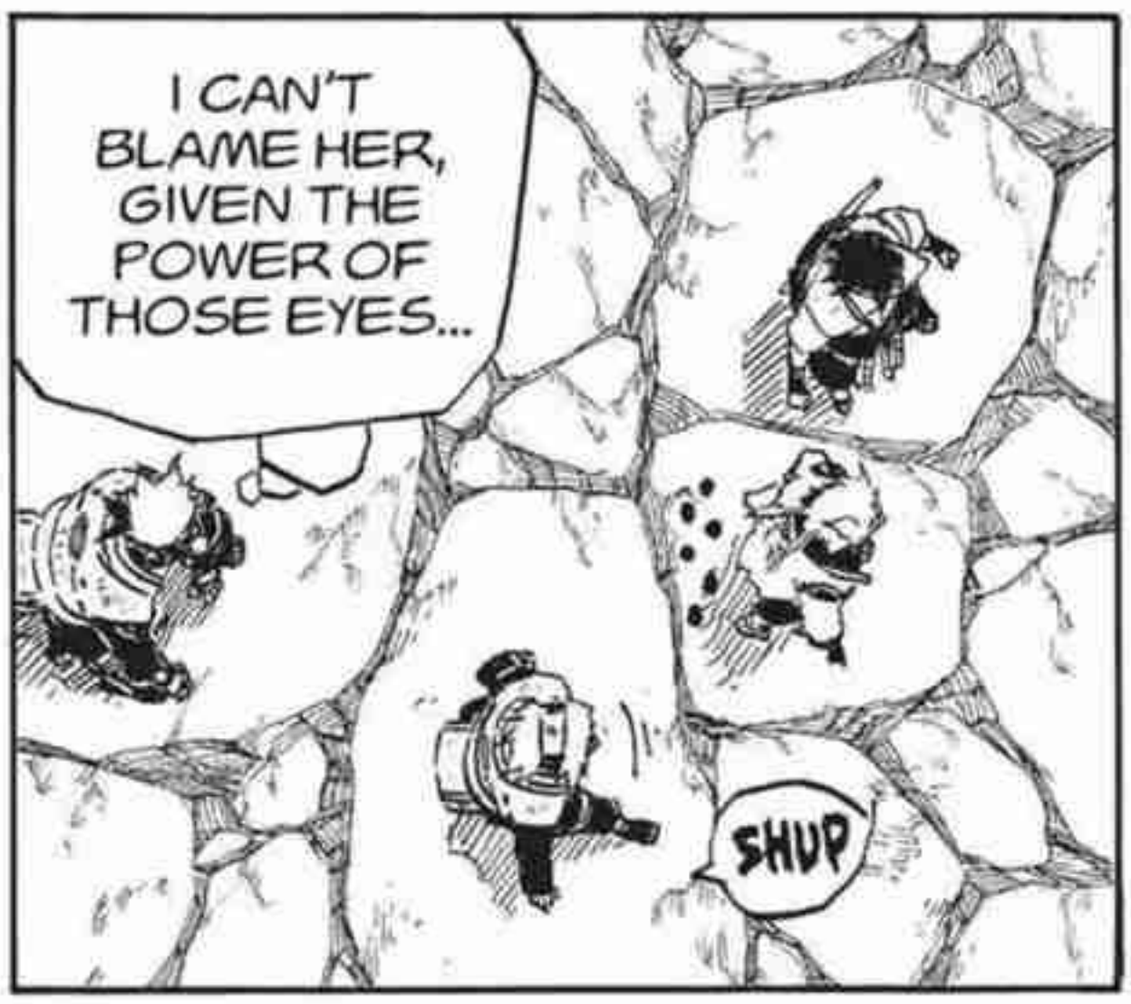
...DYING TOGETHER CAN ALSO BE CONSIDERED TEAMWORK, EH?





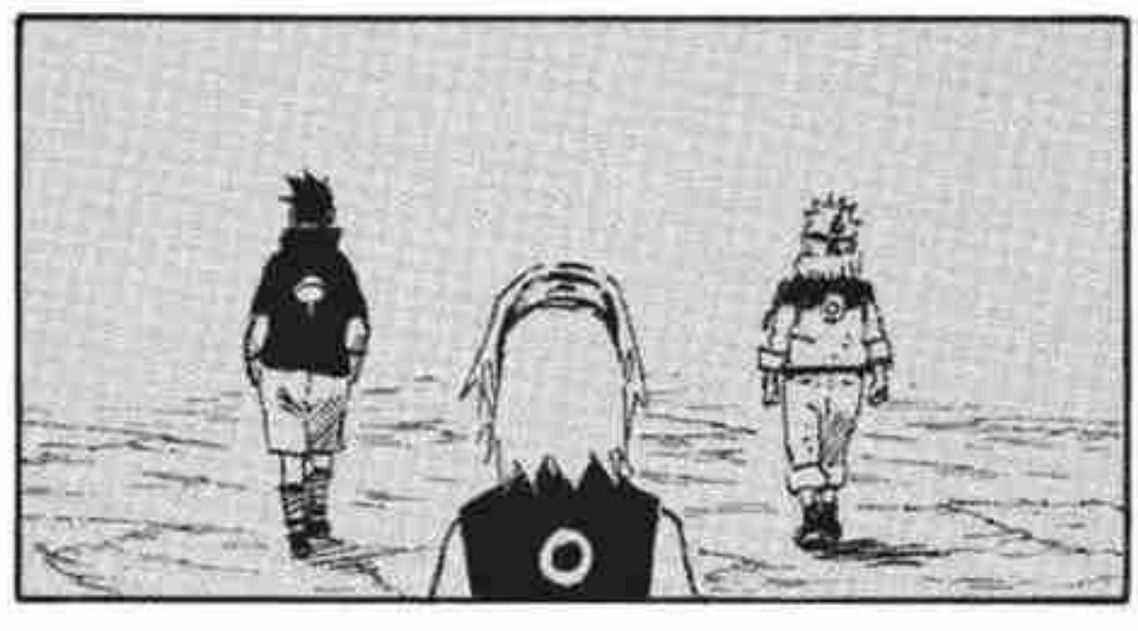
SHUD
DER
!

...
...


I CAN'T BLAME HER, GIVEN THE POWER OF THOSE EYES...
SHUP

SHUP...

LADY TSUNADE, IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO THEM!!
TMP



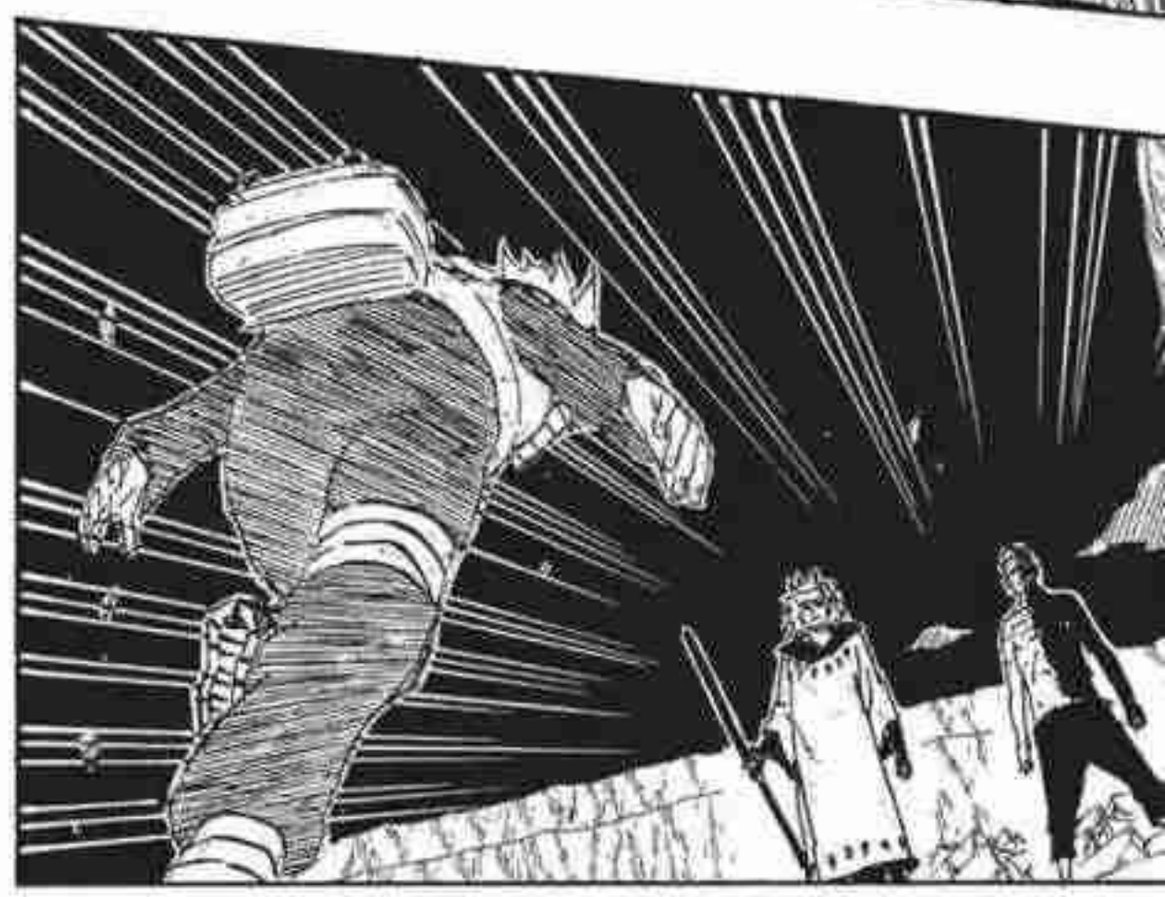
SHHF...

SURPRISE

!

I'LL BE THE DIVERSION. FOLLOW ME!

I'M NOT RETREATING ANYMORE!!



BZZZ

SAKURA!!

?!!

STRAIN
!

THE SAME REGENERATION JUTSU AS HASHIRAMA'S GRANDDAUGHTER, HUH...

SKOOSOSH SHOP
FSSS
RULE FOUR: A MEDIC NINJA WHO MASTERS THE NINJA ART OF MITOTIC REGENERATION, 100 HEALINGS, MAY BREAK THE FIRST THREE LAWS!

HUH?!
?!

QUIVV
QUIVV
AN INVISIBLE WALL?! I CAN'T REACH HIM?!

!!
TAK

CLOO
ZSH
TAK

SKIIIP

SKIIIP

SAKURA!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, NARUTO.

NEOOOP
UGH!

?!
WHAT THE?!

...DIDN'T EVEN...
I'M ALL RIGHT.

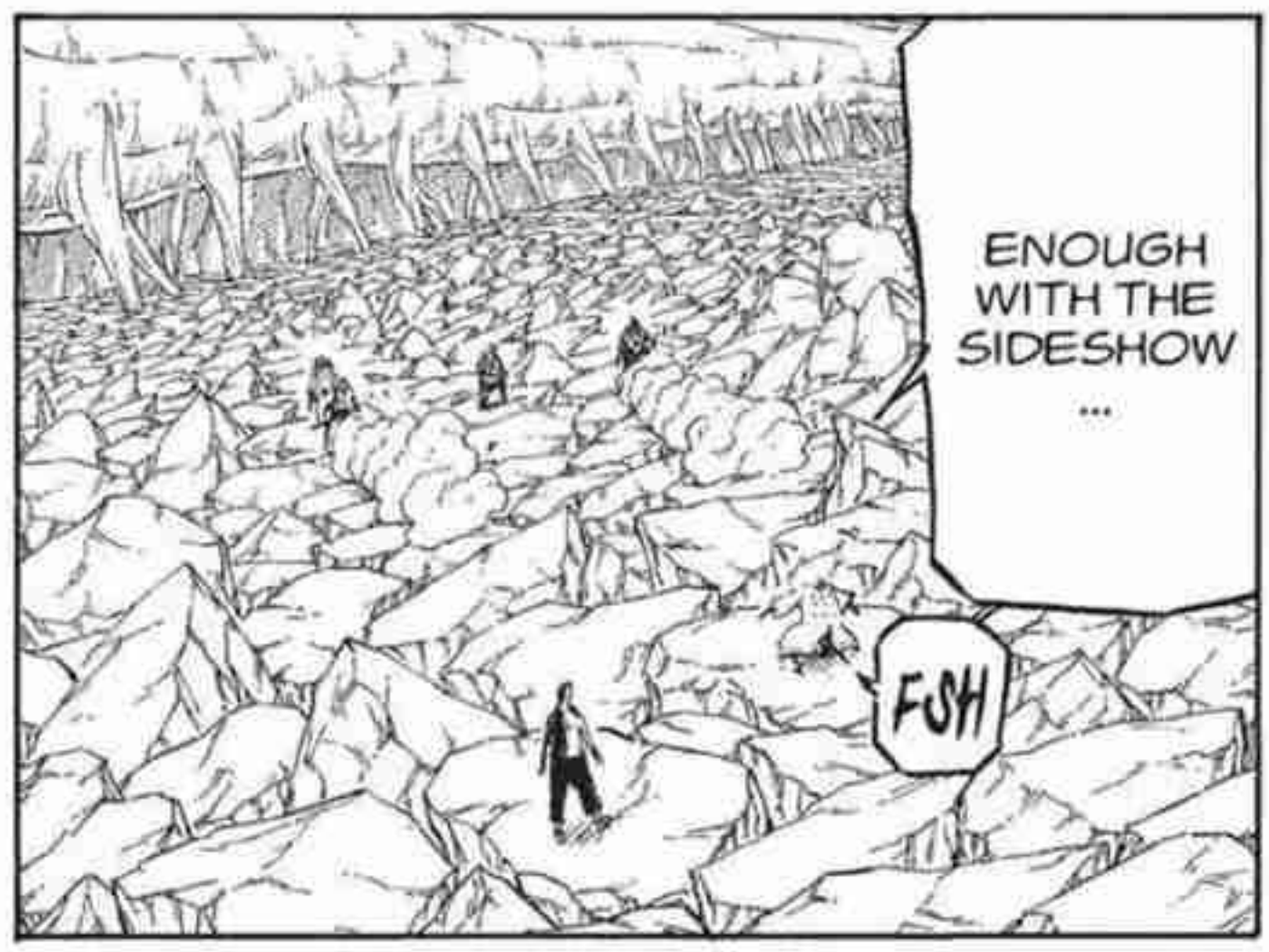
SASUKE...

...

THAT LEFT EYE... IS THAT A RINNEGAN ?!
!

YEAH, I KNOW! THERE'RE MORE OF 'EM, RIGHT?
?!

NARUTO ...


ENOUGH WITH THE SIDESHOW ...
FUSH

...

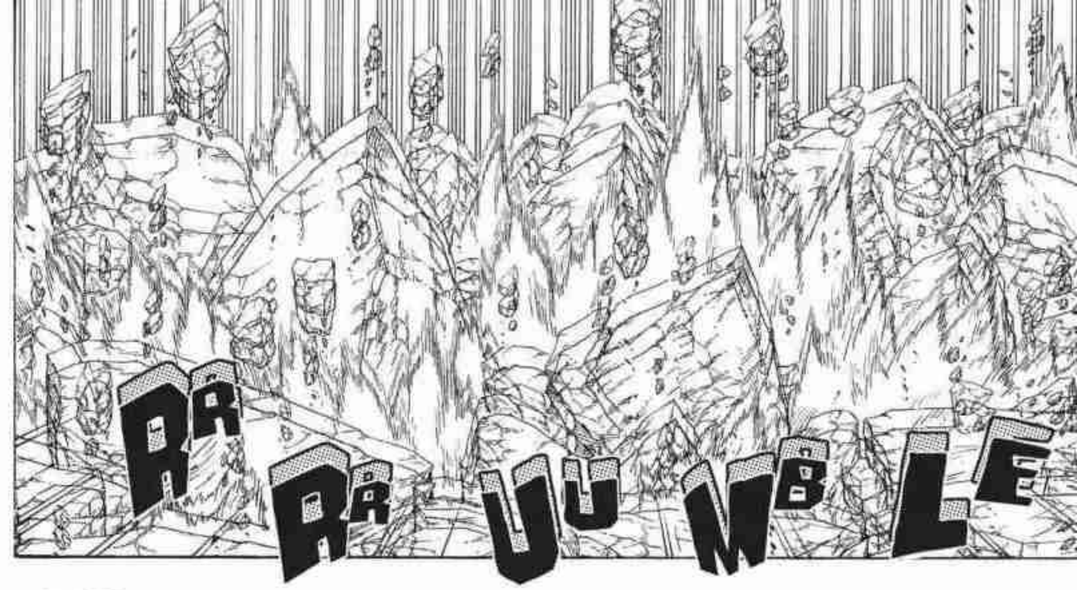
MADARA'S GOT FOUR SHADOWS NOW...

TMP
!
ZWW
WW
ZWW
FSH

BOP BOP BOP BOP

CATASTROPHIC PLANETARY CONSTRUCTION!
FSH
WHAT'S HE UP TO?

G- G- G- G- G- G-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RRRUMBLE
WE'RE RETREATING FOR THE TIME BEING!
WHAT ABOUT NARUTO AND THE OTHERS?!

!!
UGH!
!

THEY'RE A BIT MORE SOLID AND LARGER THAN RAINDROPS, BUT...
FSH

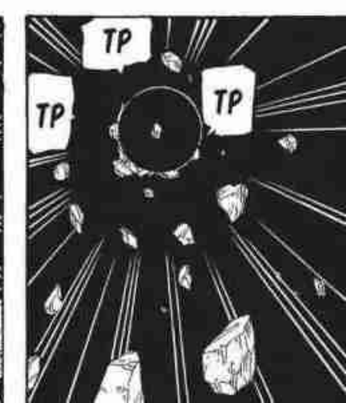
HIS SHADOWS ARE HERE ON THE GROUND WITH US!
DON'T BE DIS-TRACTED BY WHAT'S ABOVE!

THEY'RE BIGGER THAN PAIN'S... AND A LOT MORE OF 'EM!!
TH-THIS IS SIX PATHS POWER...?

G-G-G-

HE'LL PULL THROUGH NO MATTER WHAT!

GLOP GLOP GLOP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ART OF SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS !!!
B-BOOOL
THE SHADOWS TOO!!

RO
RO
HERE THEY COME!!

TAK
LEAVE THE SHADOWS TO ME!!

THK
THK
THK

YUP!!

FSH

KURAMA !!

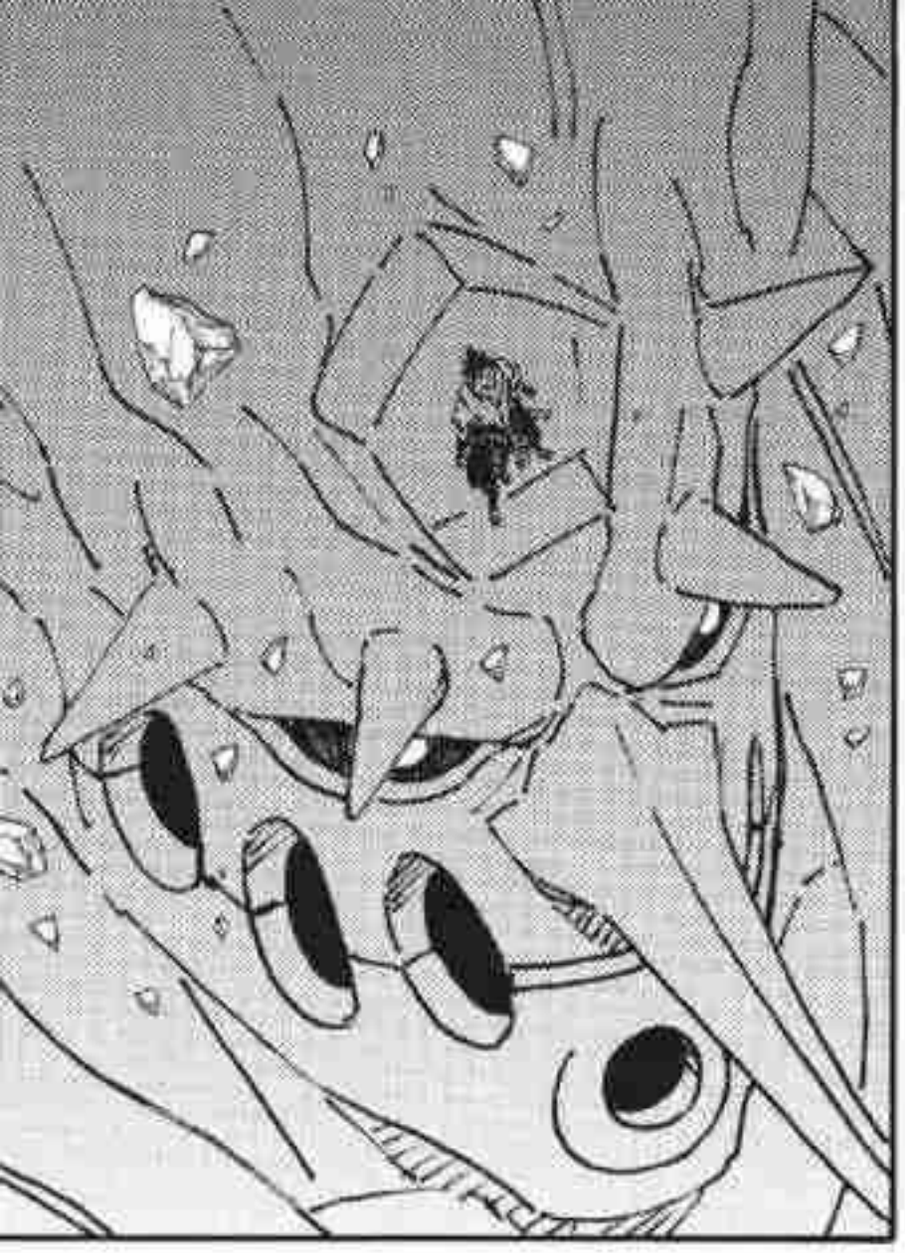
HEH HEH... I THINK I'LL RECORD THE FINAL MOMENTS OF THESE GUYS.

SUSANO'O!!

BIJU BOMB RASEN SHURIKEN !!

HURT

FOOM
CLASH-CLASH-CLASH
TAP
SHOOM
WHUMP THOOM THOOM THOO
!
BLAST
UGH!



FLASH-

GAH! THERE'S NO END TO THEM!

W-WOW...
!

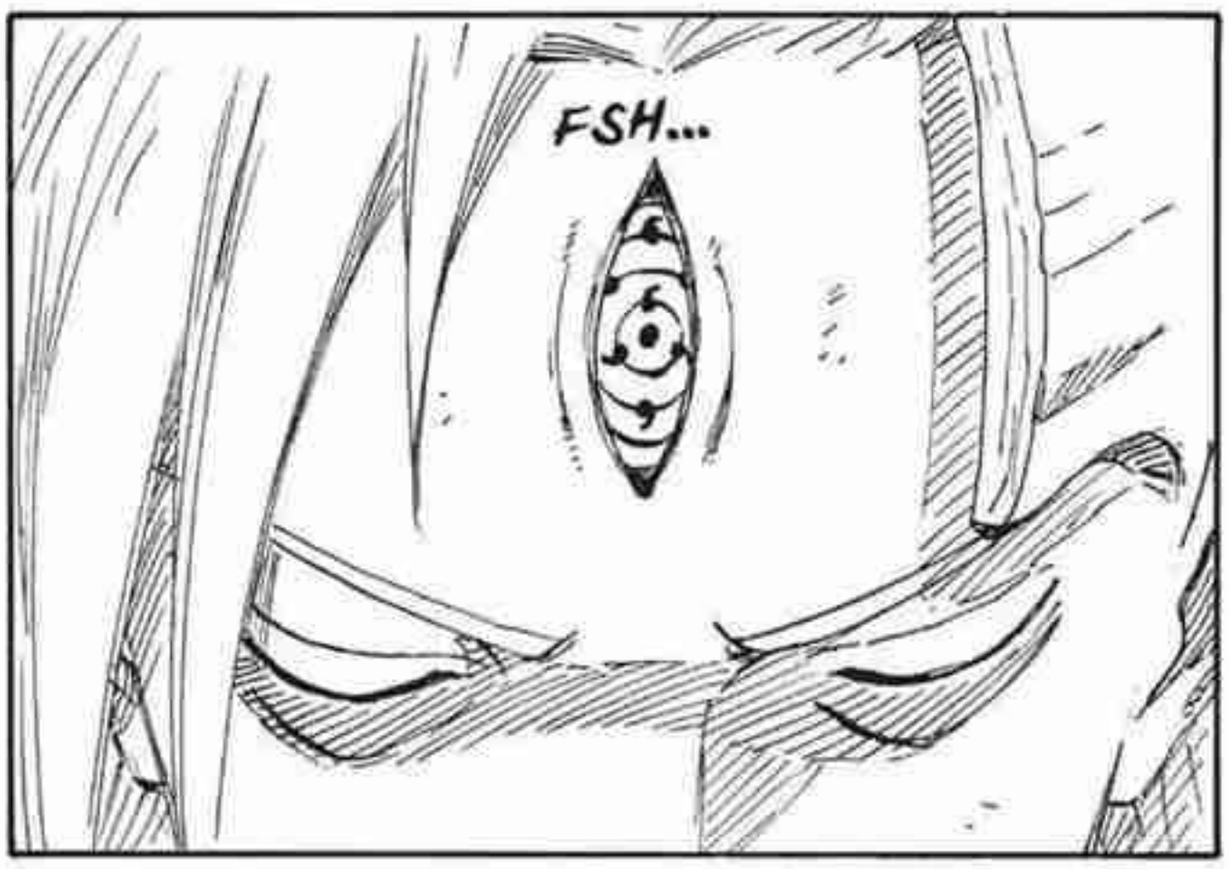
GRP

DAMN YOU!!
YOU BASTARD !!
...

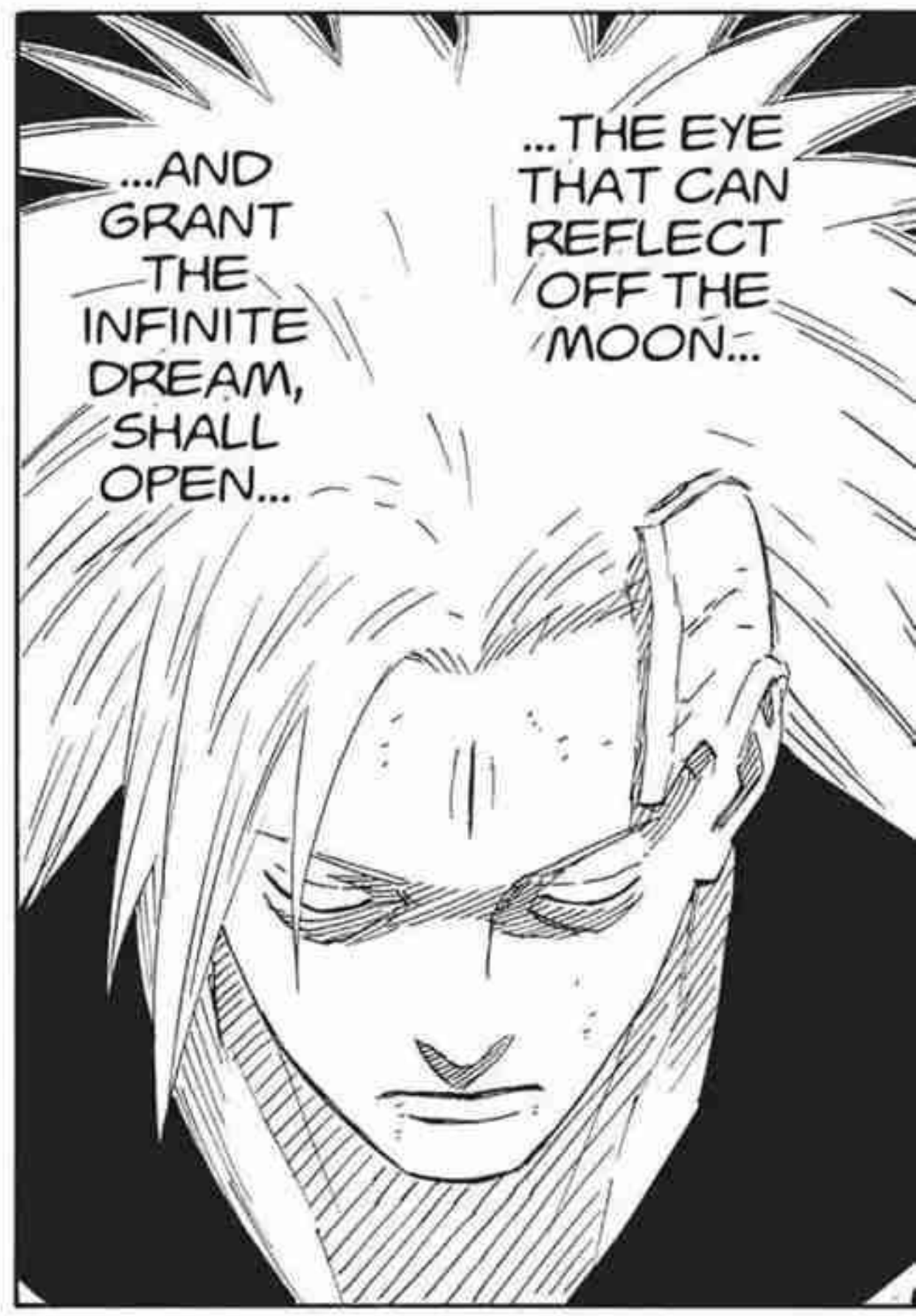
ACCORDING TO THAT STONE TABLET...

SLAP

...SHOULD DRAW NEAR THE MOON...
WHEN ONE WHO POSSESSES THE POWER OF RINNE...


FSH...

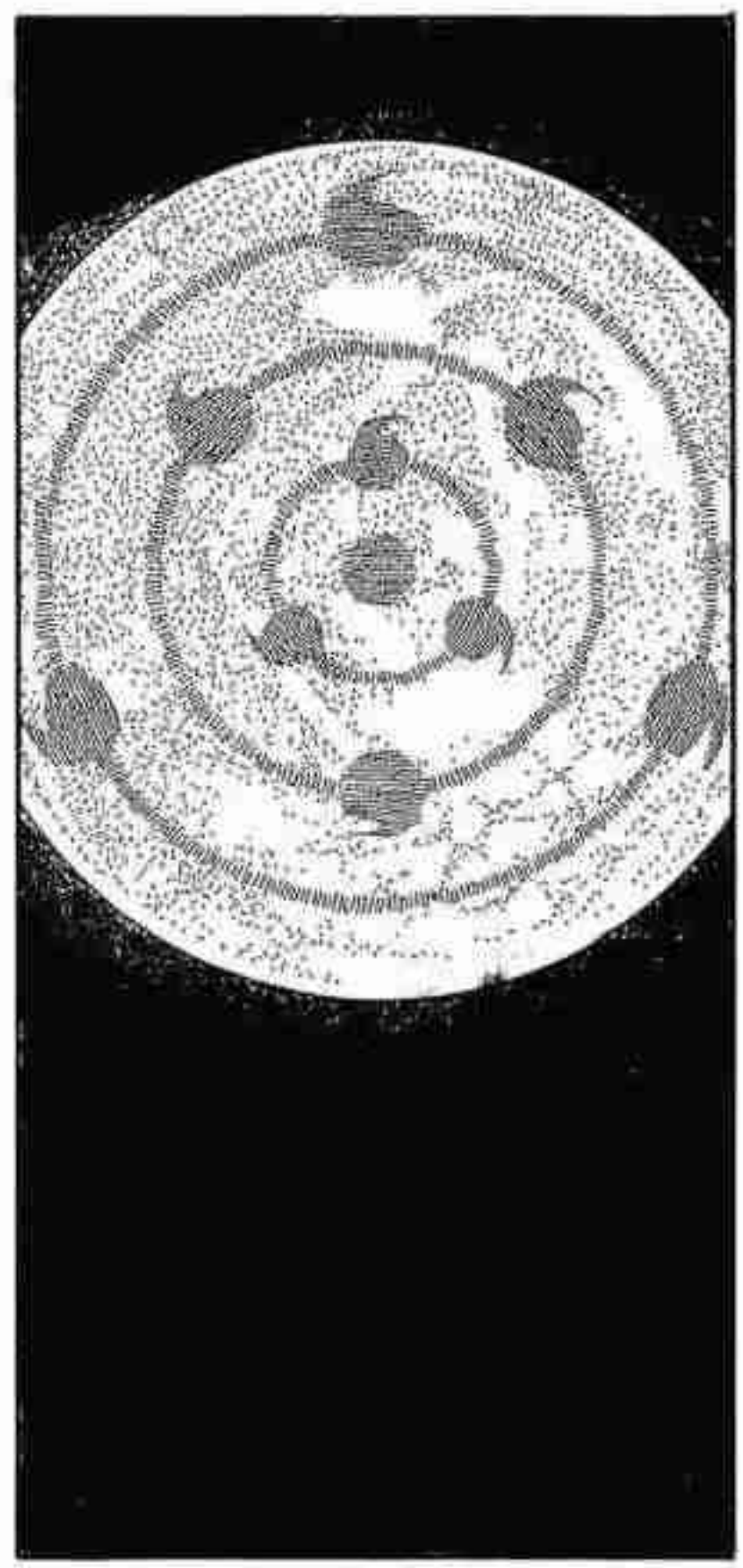
FLASH


...AND GRANT THE INFINITE DREAM, SHALL OPEN...
...THE EYE THAT CAN REFLECT OFF THE MOON...

SHINE UPON THE WORLD...

...INFINITE TSUKUYOMI!!

WOOSH



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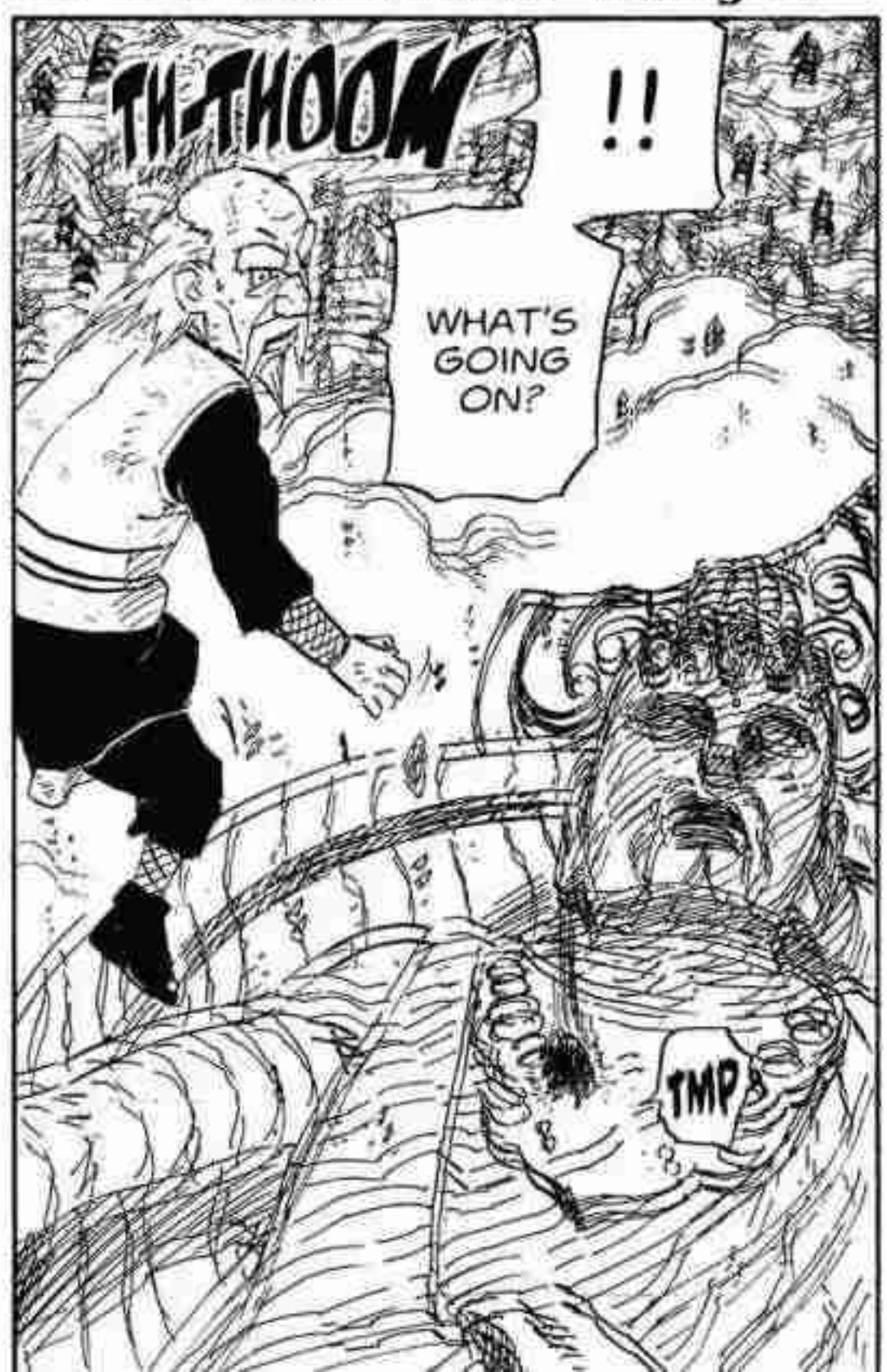


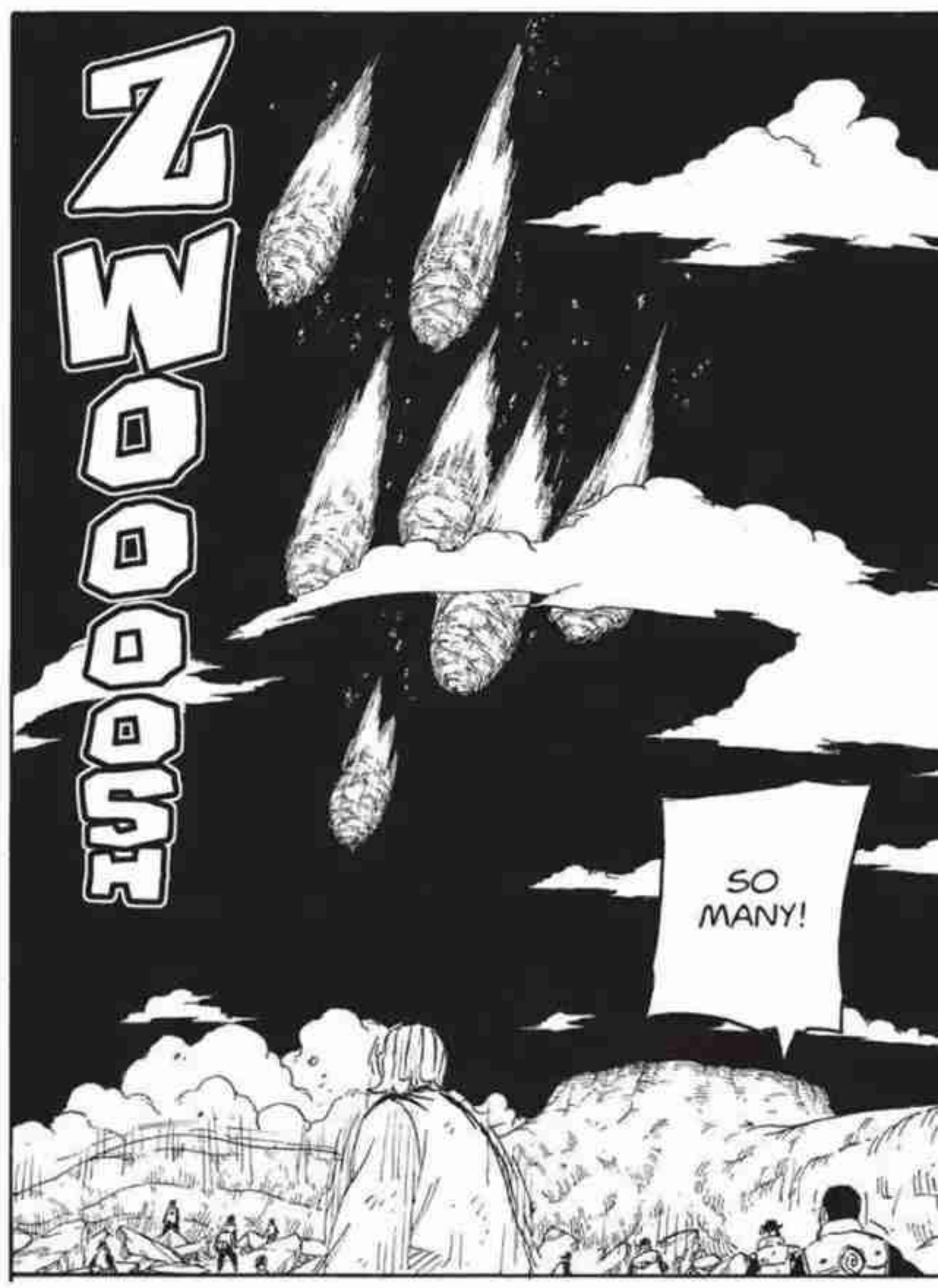
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
RUMBLE...
FOUR O'CLOCK! METEORITES !!!

JUDDER JUDDER
WAH! AGAIN!!
?!!

WAAH!!
BRACE FOR THEIR IMPACT!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON OVER THERE?!
TALK ABOUT ABNORMAL!!

...


ZWOOOSH
SO MANY!

THE CHAKRA NARUTO GAVE ALL OF US DISAPPEARED ...
...AND THAT GIANT TREE ALSO VANISHED ABRUPTLY.
WSH...

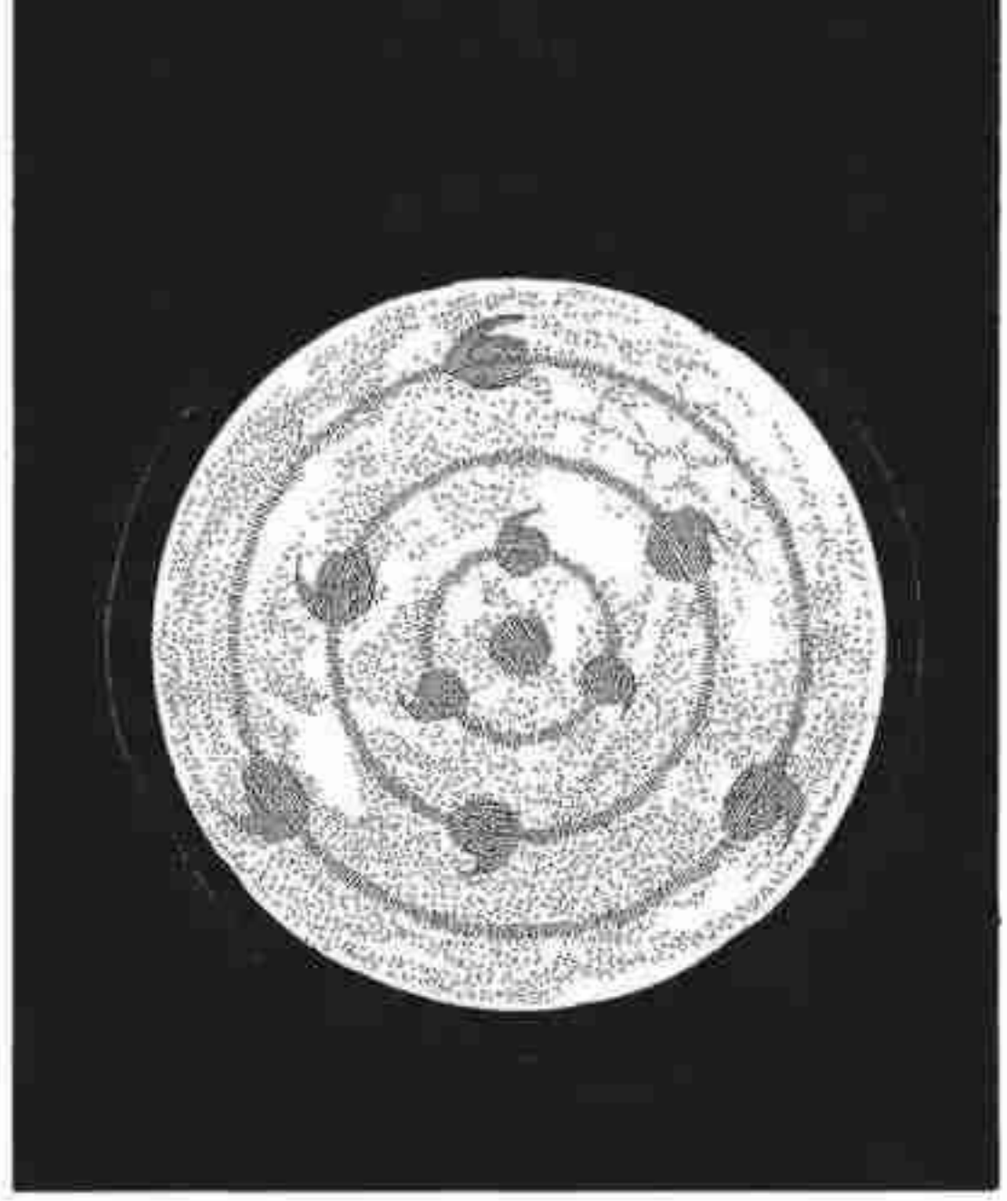
UGH!
JUDDER
JUDDER

MOST LIKELY SOMETHING BAD TOO...
SOMETHING BIG'S HAPPENING OVER THERE, THAT'S FOR SURE.

THE MOON, SHINO!
LOOK AT THE MOON!

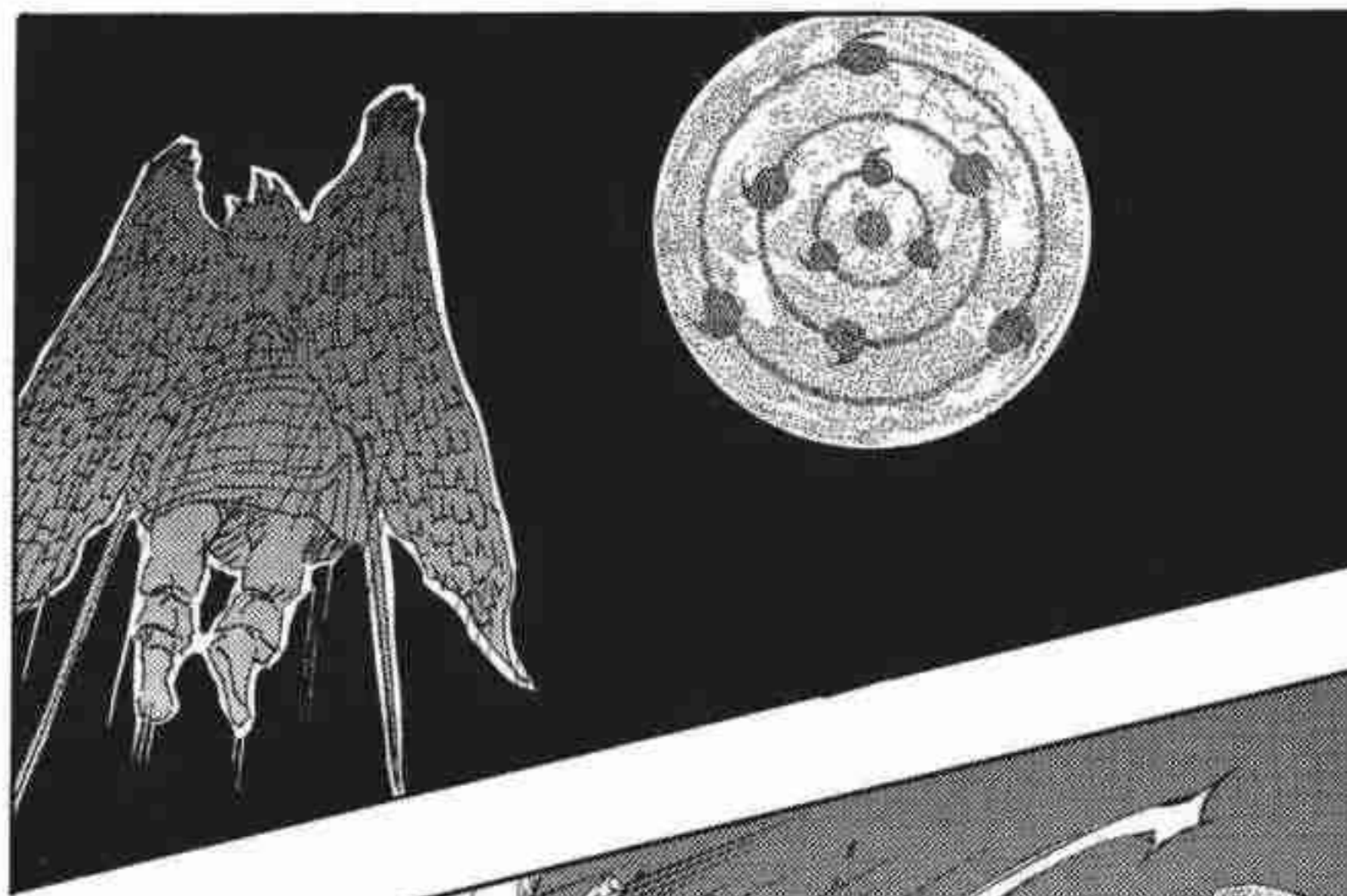
WHAT IS IT, KIBA?!
!!

WOOF, WOOF!
WHAT ?!



DON'T TELL ME THAT'S ...?!!
MY WORD!!

THIS IS REALLY BAD!



FW

GUSH

FM

BOTH OF YOU, JUST STICK REAL CLOSE TO ME AND STAY STILL!

O-OKAY!

EEEE

I'M GONNA PULVERIZE ALL OF THE METEORITES WITH THESE, SO YOU'RE SAFE!

SHOOM

GO!!

HURL

GOTTA MAKE SURE NOT TO HIT SASUKE!

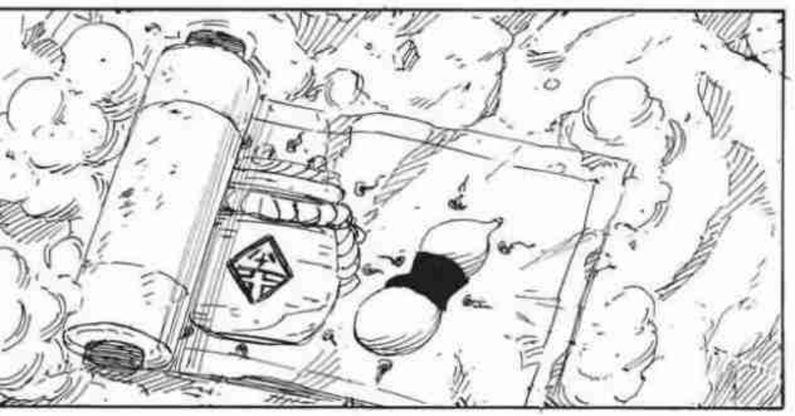
FLASH

FLASH

HUH?

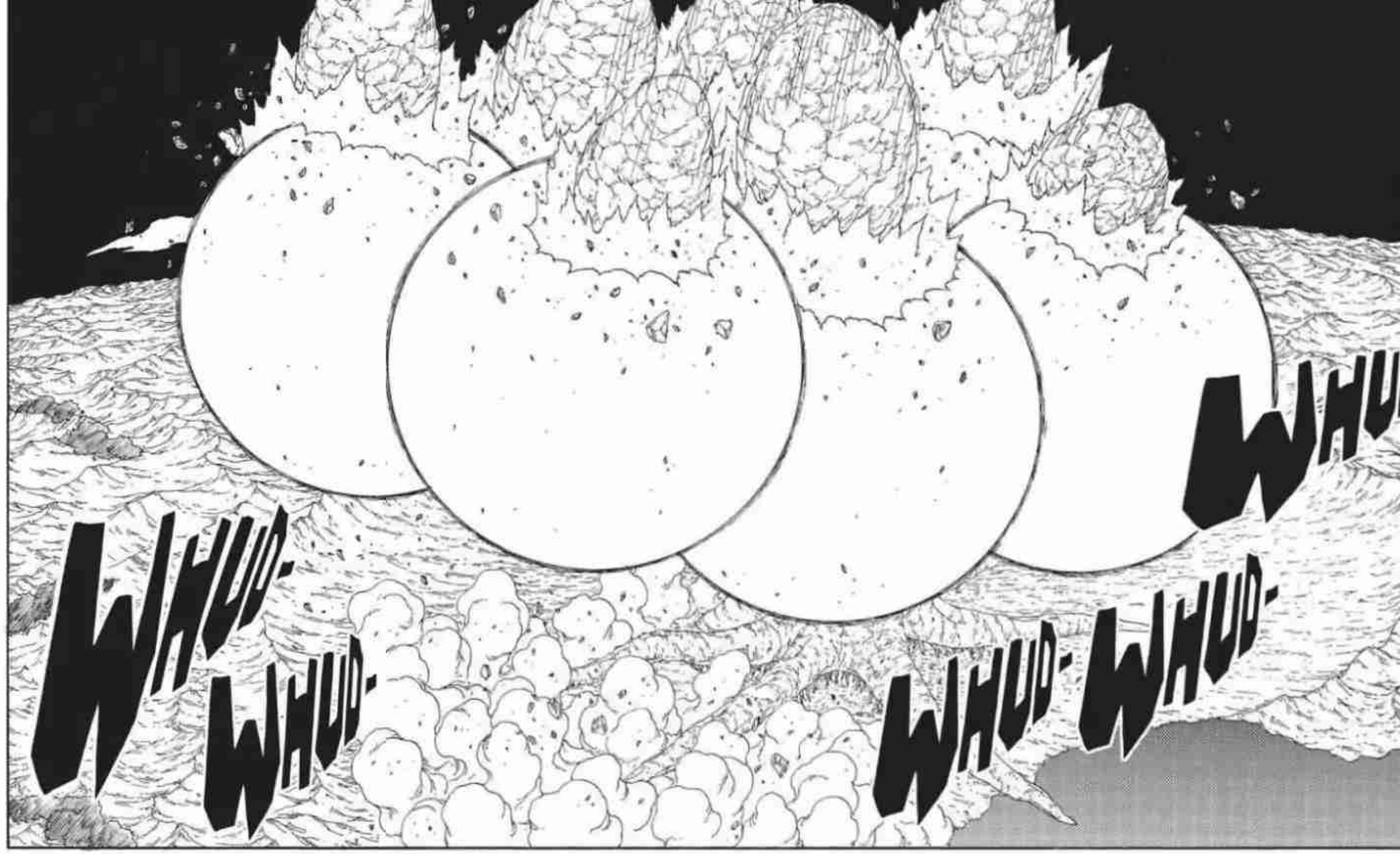
RRUMBLE
AIEE!!
THK

SKIID



THWAK
?!!

WITH THESE NINJA TOOLS, WE CAN SEAL AWAY THE ENEMY IN AN INSTANT!
BUT I NEED TO ASK SOMEONE FROM KUMOGAKURE HOW TO USE THEM!


WHUD-
WHUD-
WHUD-
WHUD-
WHU

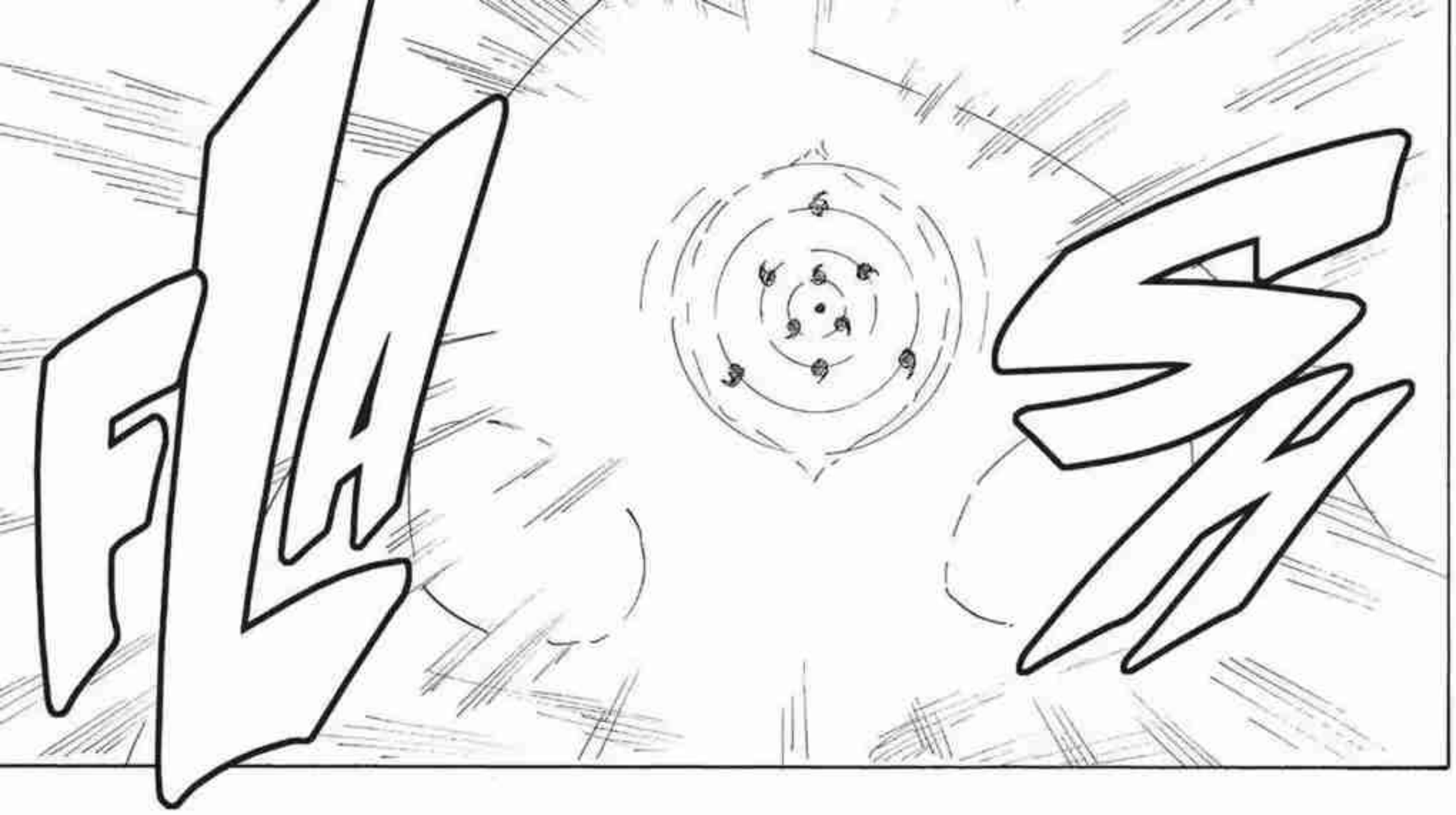
HEY! LAND MORE SOFTLY, WOULDJA !!

JUST SHUT UP AND STAY STILL!

THO
WAH!!
EEP!

SASUKE, DON'T HEAD DOWN HERE SO SUDDENLY! I COULD'VE HIT YOU WITH A RASEN-SHURIKEN--

NOW!! BECOME ONE!!



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DON'T TELL ME MADARA'S LAUNCHED HIS JUTSU!
THOSE EYES...
HEY! WHAT IS IT?!

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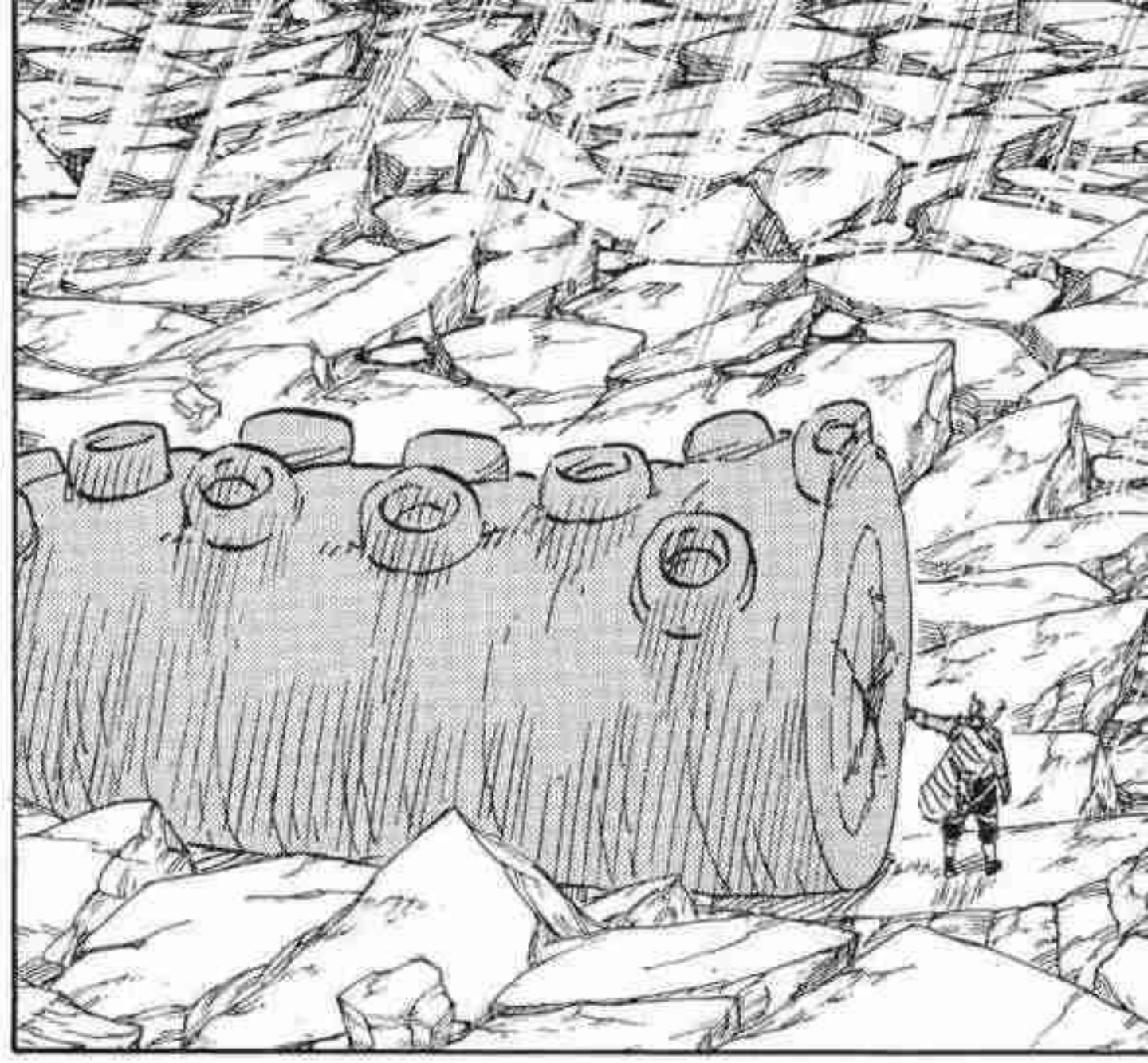

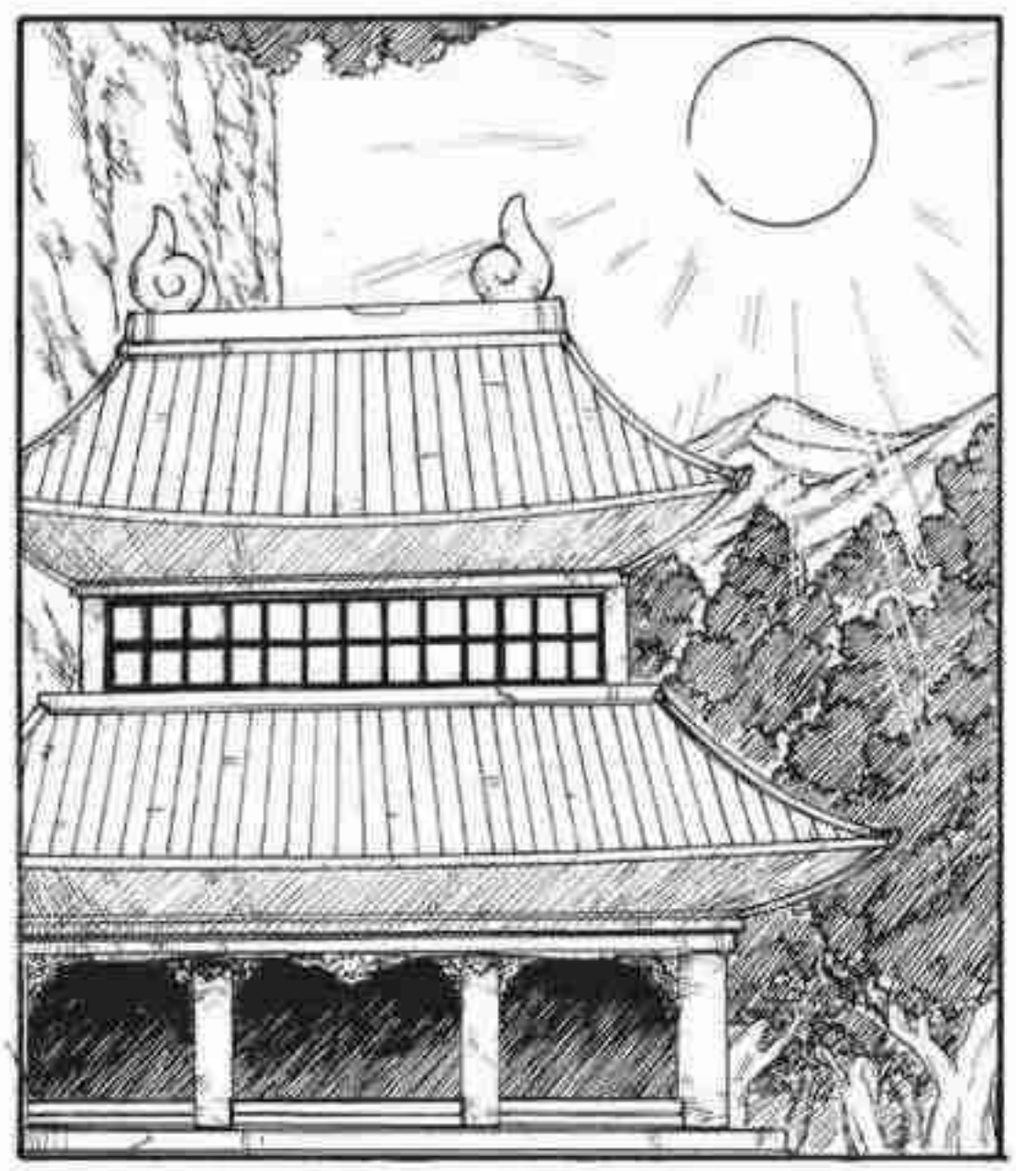

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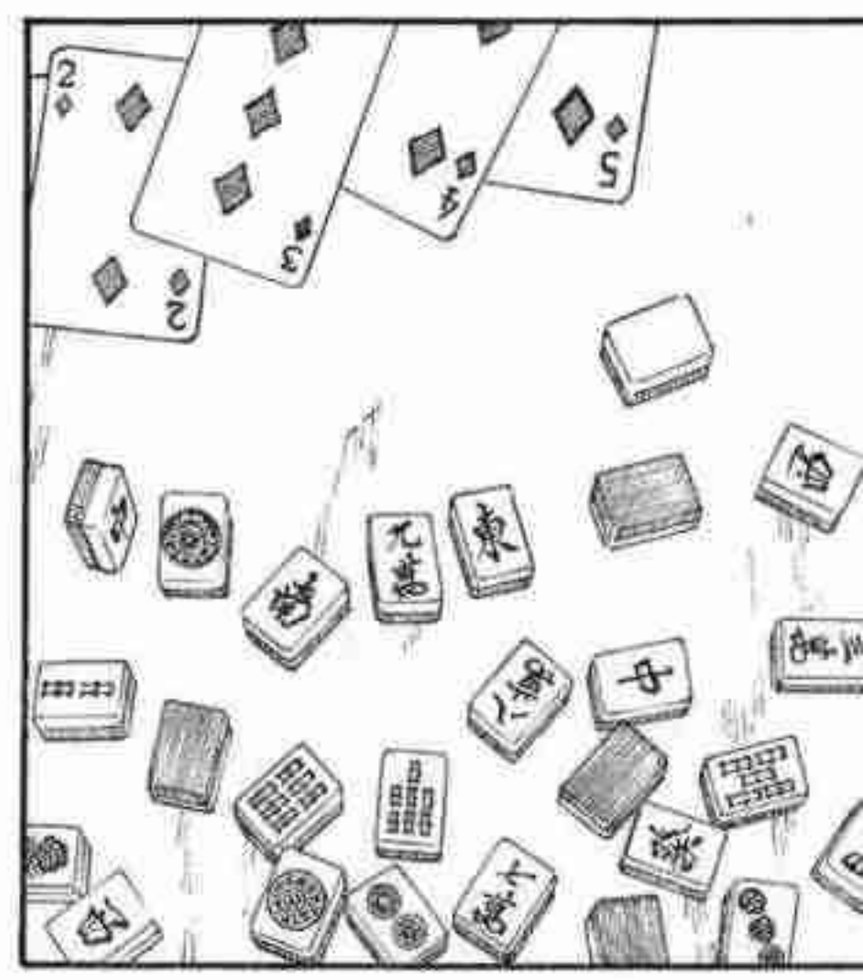
KLATTER
LORDS DAIMYO, IT'S TERRIBLE!
PWEEE...
SNOOZE...

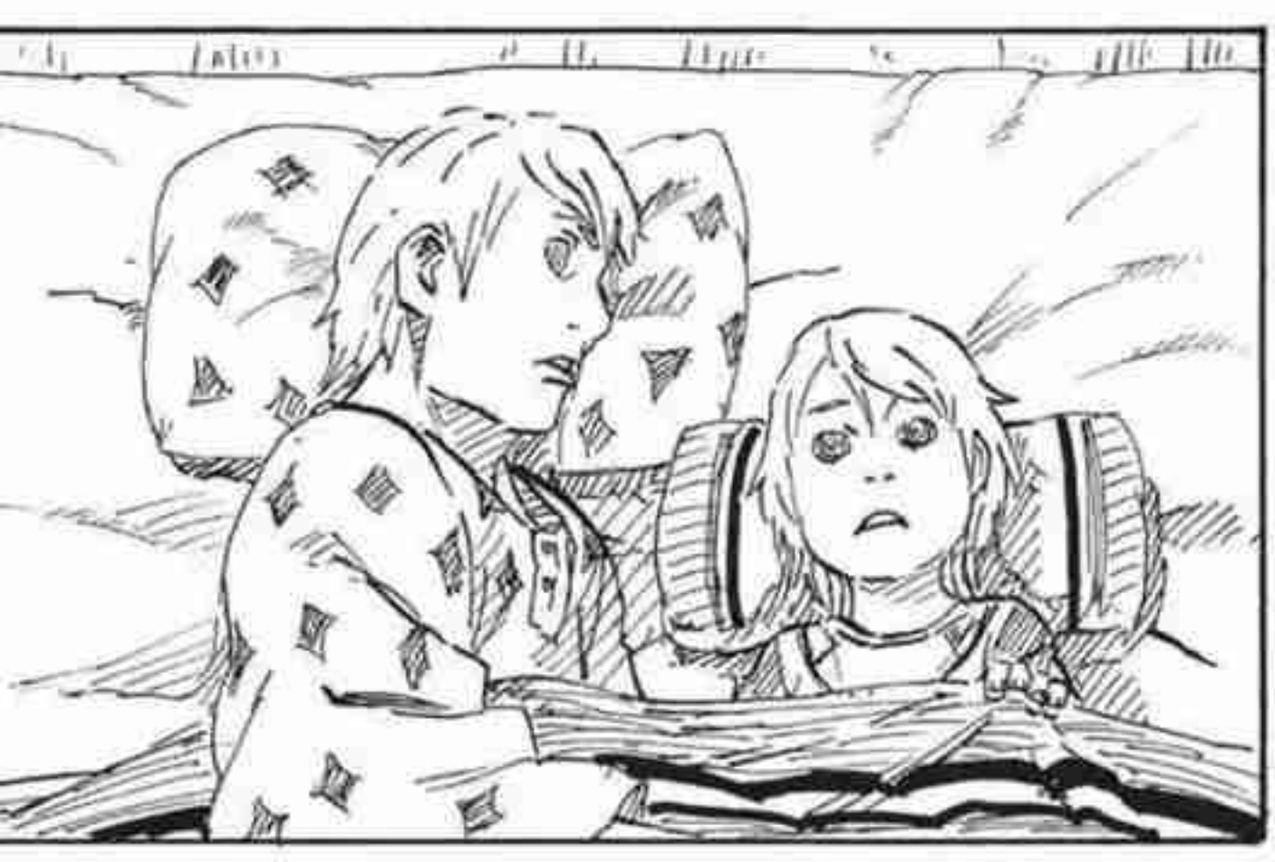


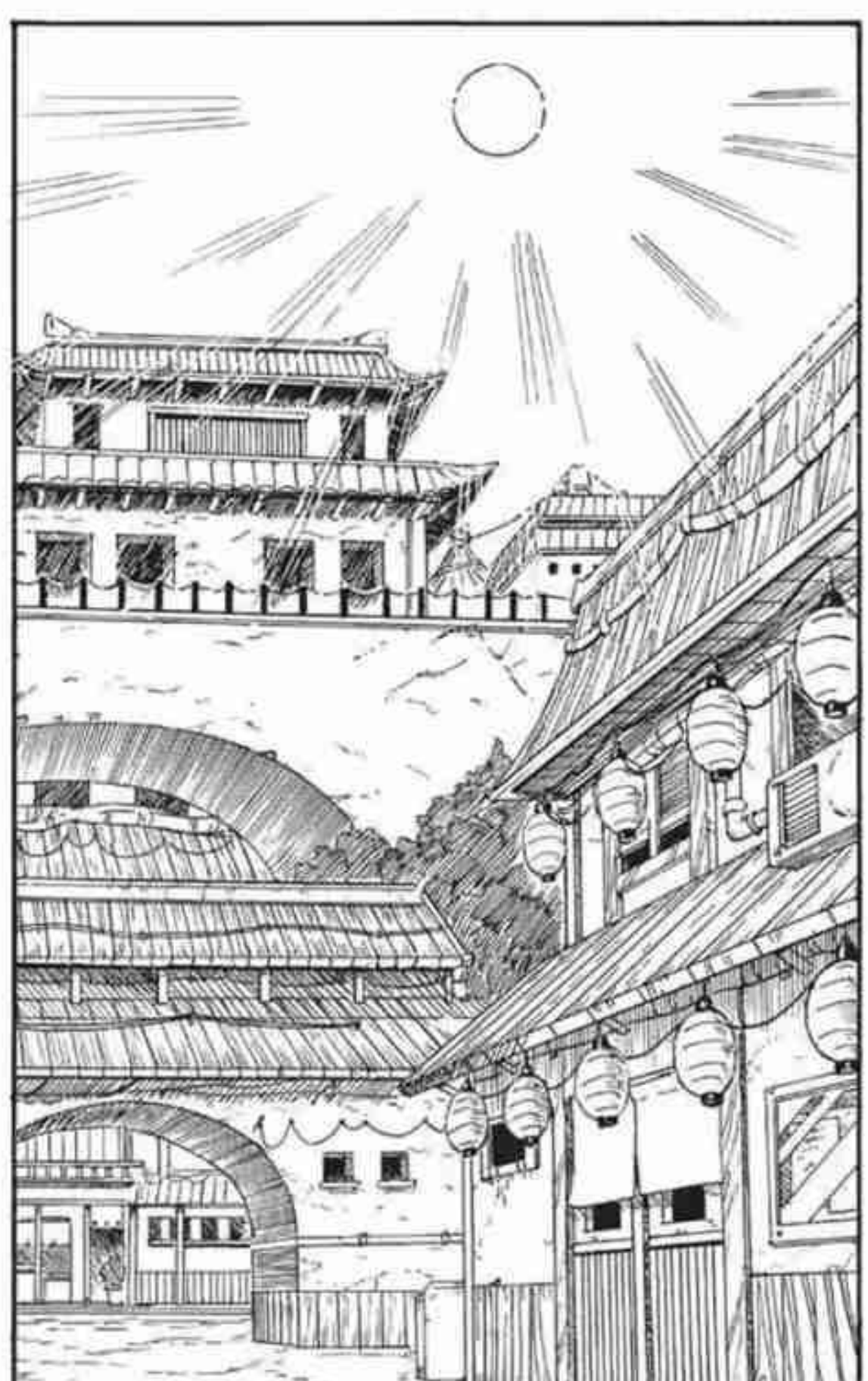
TERRIBLE THINGS ARE HAPPENING OUTSIDE!
IT'S NIGHTTIME, BUT IT'S BRIGHT AS DAY...
ALL-NIGHT? BUT YOU WERE ASLEEP!
WAIT, NEVER MIND THAT! THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT!

HMM...?
WE ARE MUCH FATIGUED FROM OUR ALL-NIGHT MAHJONG SESSION...!
...WHAT IS IT?
RUSTLE
PROP

SSH
WSH
WSH

TWITCH...
WSH
SSH
!!





...DEEP FOREST EMERGENCE!
DIVINE...
KLAP

THIS LIGHT CAN PENETRATE AND SEE THROUGH EVEN SHADOWS...
NONE CAN HIDE FROM IT... AND THEN, NEXT...

SLITHER SLITHER

KRAK KRAK KRA

WRRRRRAP

WRAP
WRAP
WRAP

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

FURRL

FURRRRRRL

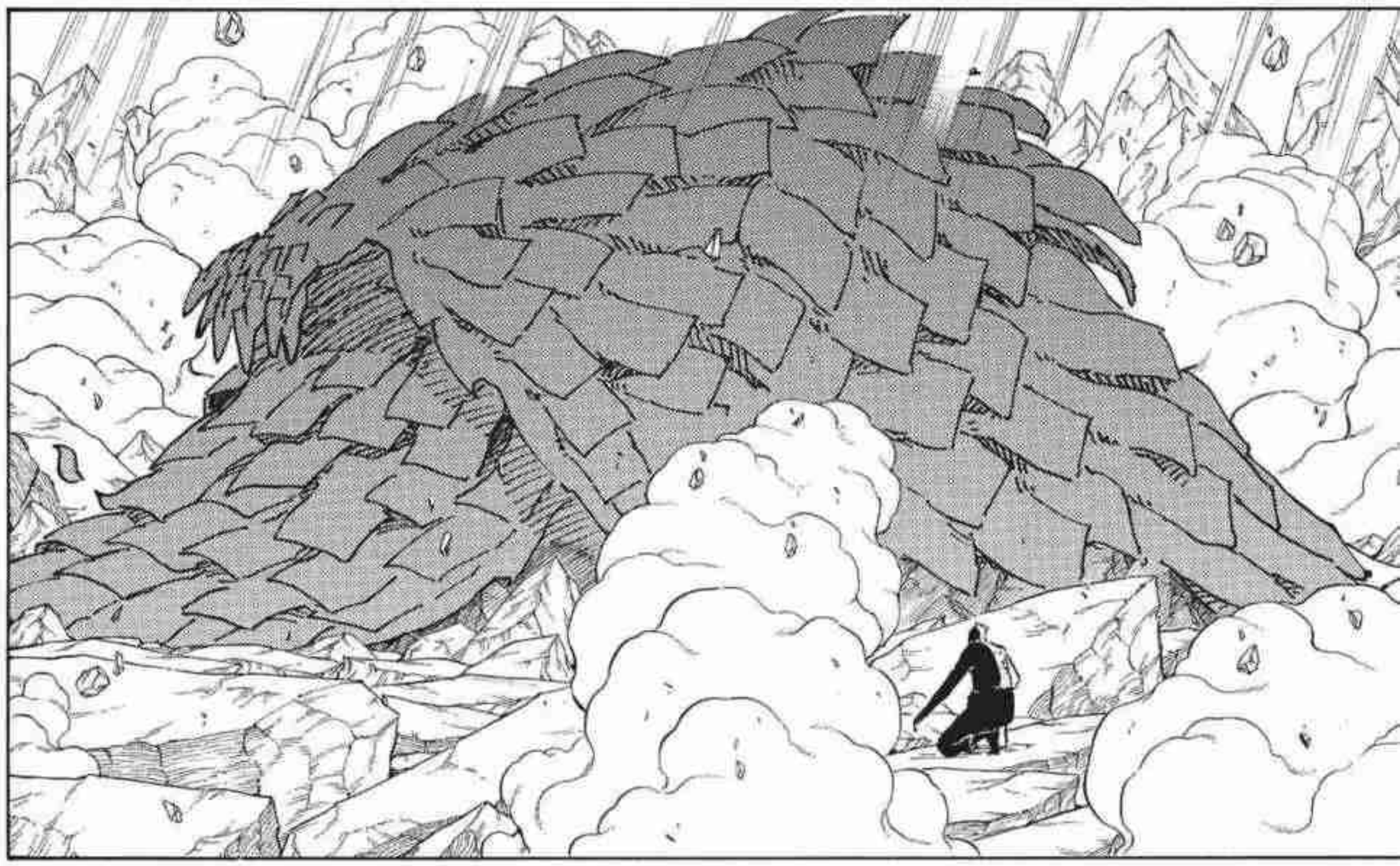
NARUTO...

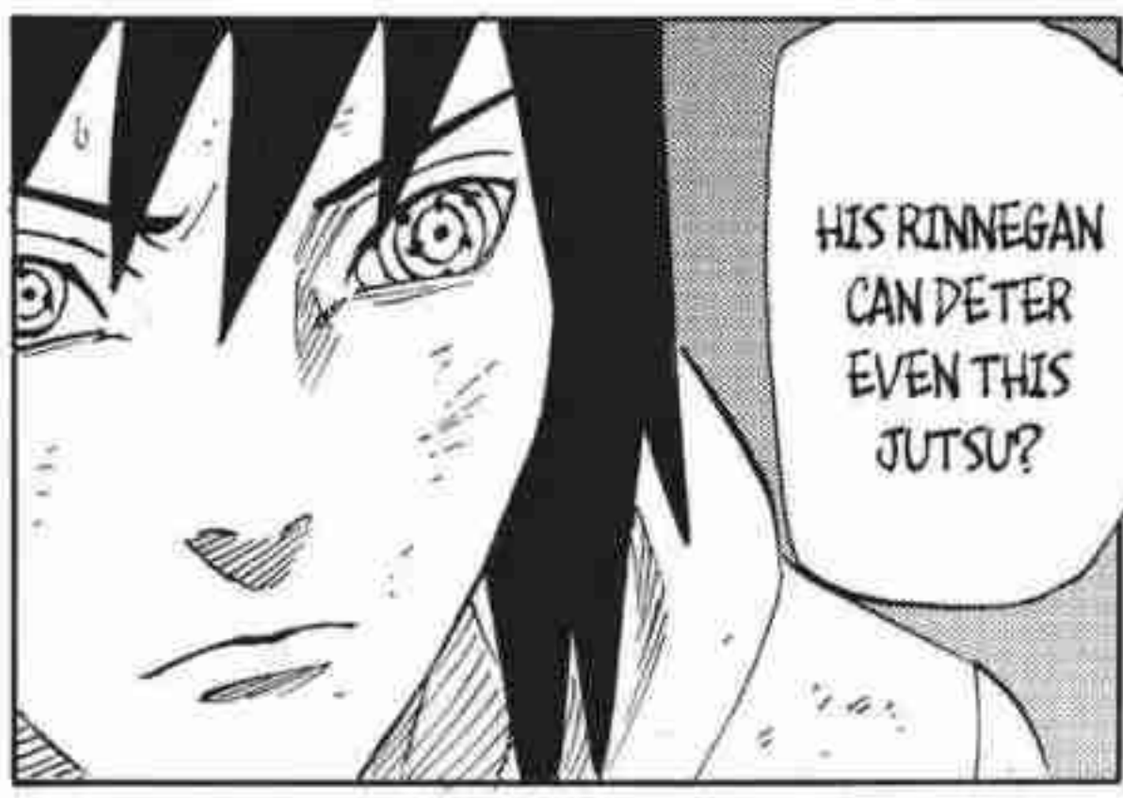
CAN'T MOVE...

GRAB
NO, DON'T MOVE RIGHT NOW, NARUTO!
?!

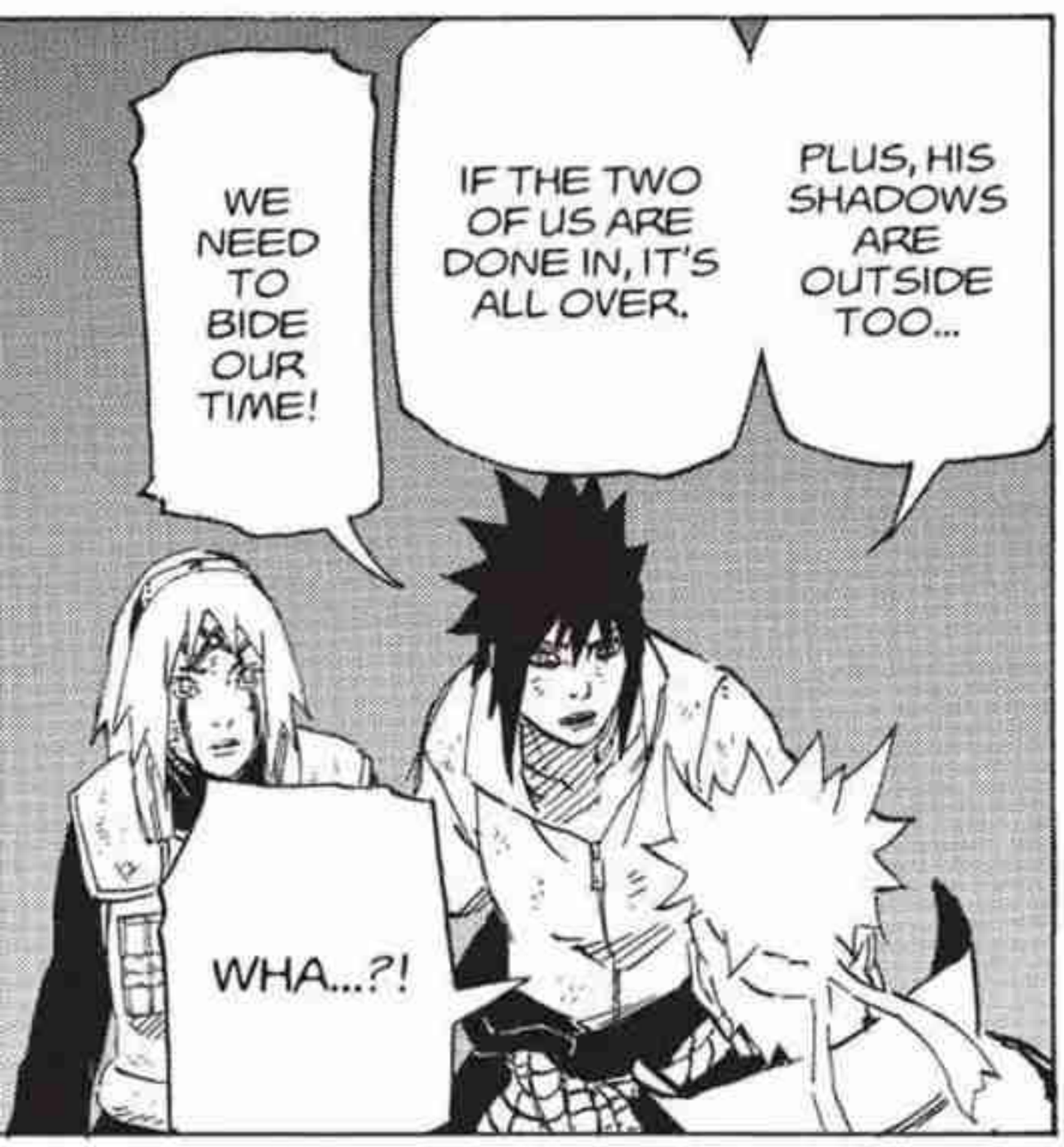
SHUP

TWITCH
!!

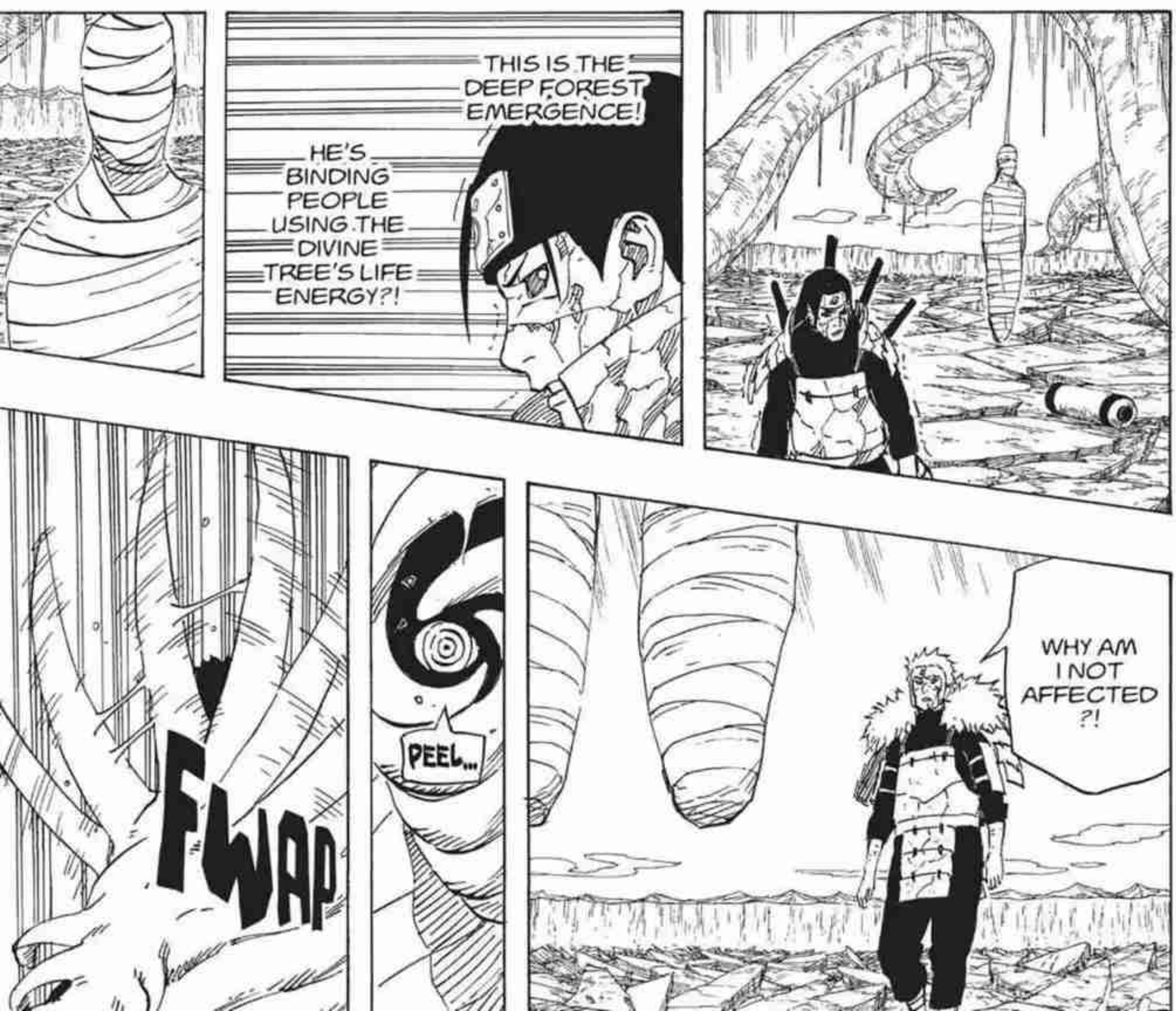



HIS RINNEGAN CAN DETER EVEN THIS JUTSU?

THE LIGHT CAN'T PENETRATE THAT SUSANO'O?
...HM?


WE NEED TO BIDE OUR TIME!
IF THE TWO OF US ARE DONE IN, IT'S ALL OVER.
PLUS, HIS SHADOWS ARE OUTSIDE TOO...
WHA...?!

WITHOUT MY RAMPED-UP SUSANO'O'S PROTECTION, YOU'D BE BOUND UP IN HIS GENJUTSU AS WELL!
DON'T GO OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW.


THIS IS THE DEEP FOREST EMERGENCE!
HE'S BINDING PEOPLE USING THE DIVINE TREE'S LIFE ENERGY?!
FWAP
PEEL...
WHY AM I NOT AFFECTED ?!

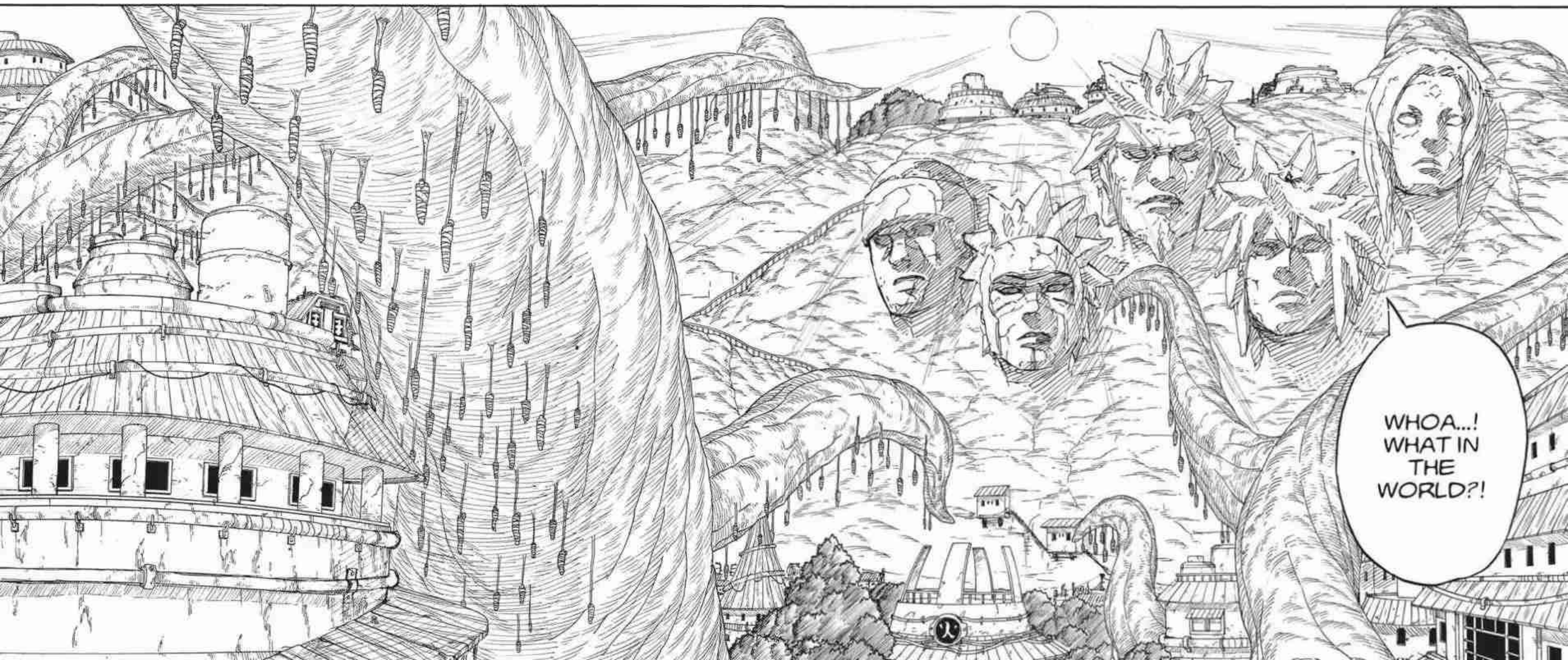
!!!

MM...
UNNH...

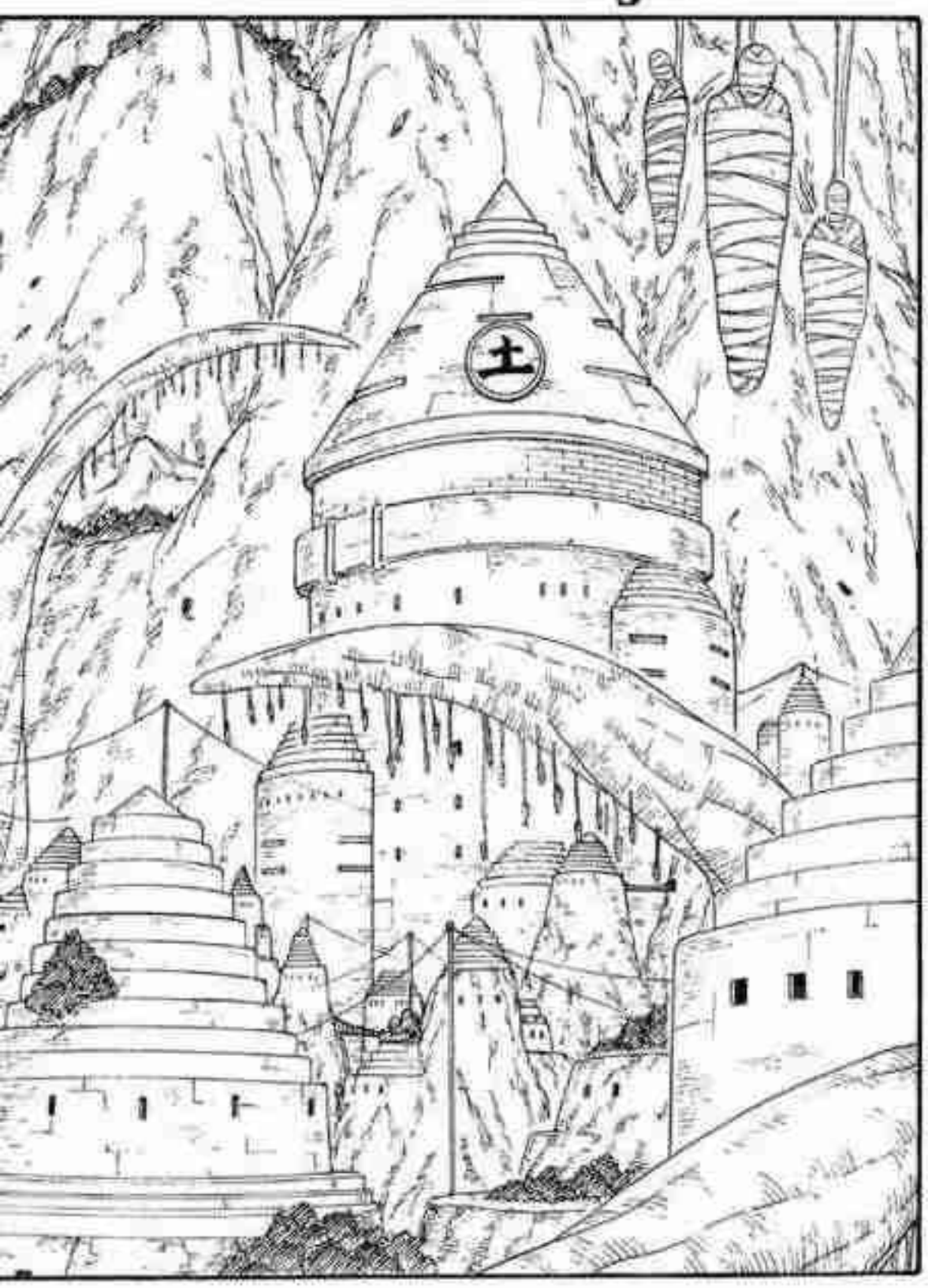
YAMATO!

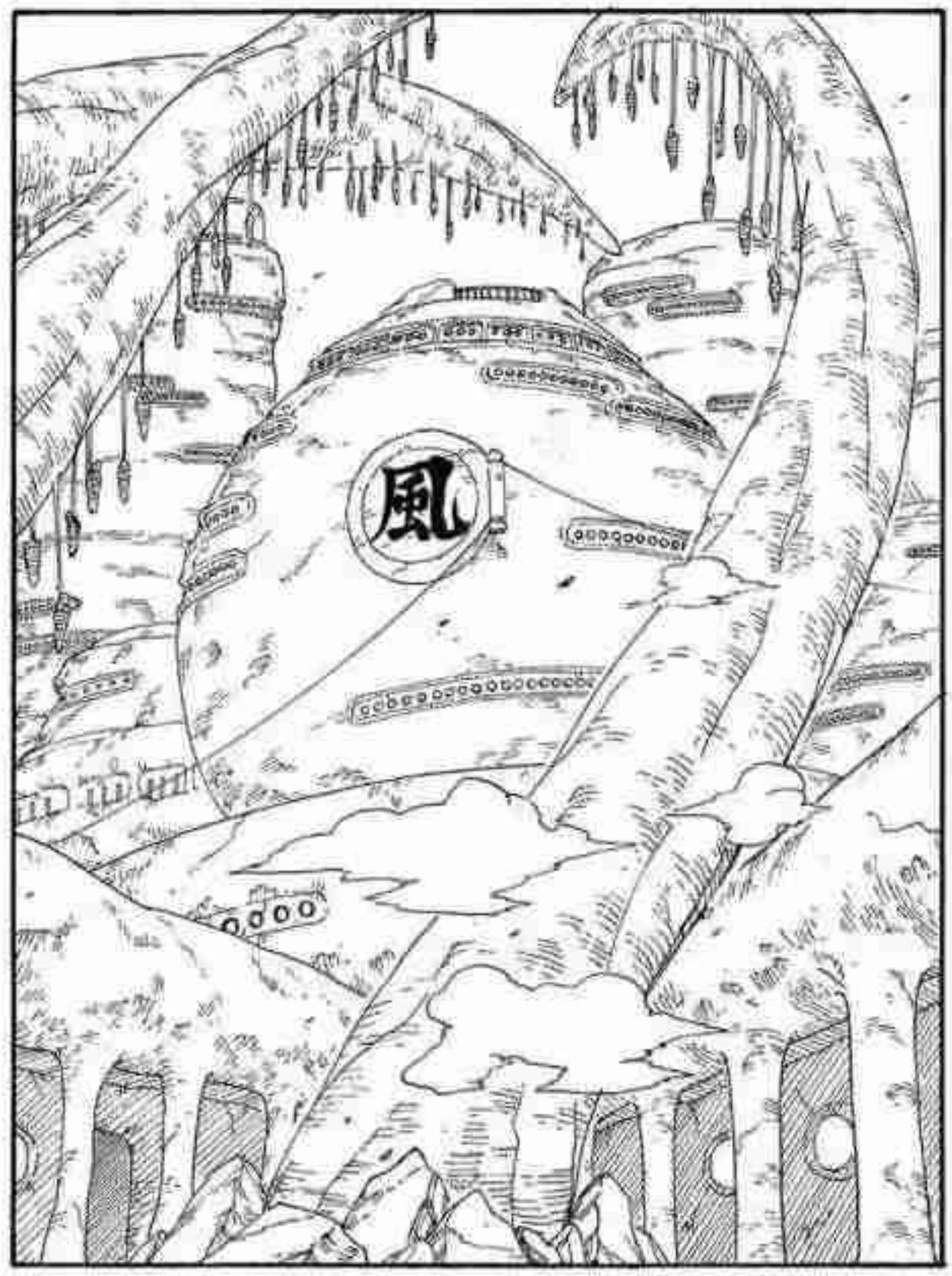
BLINK...

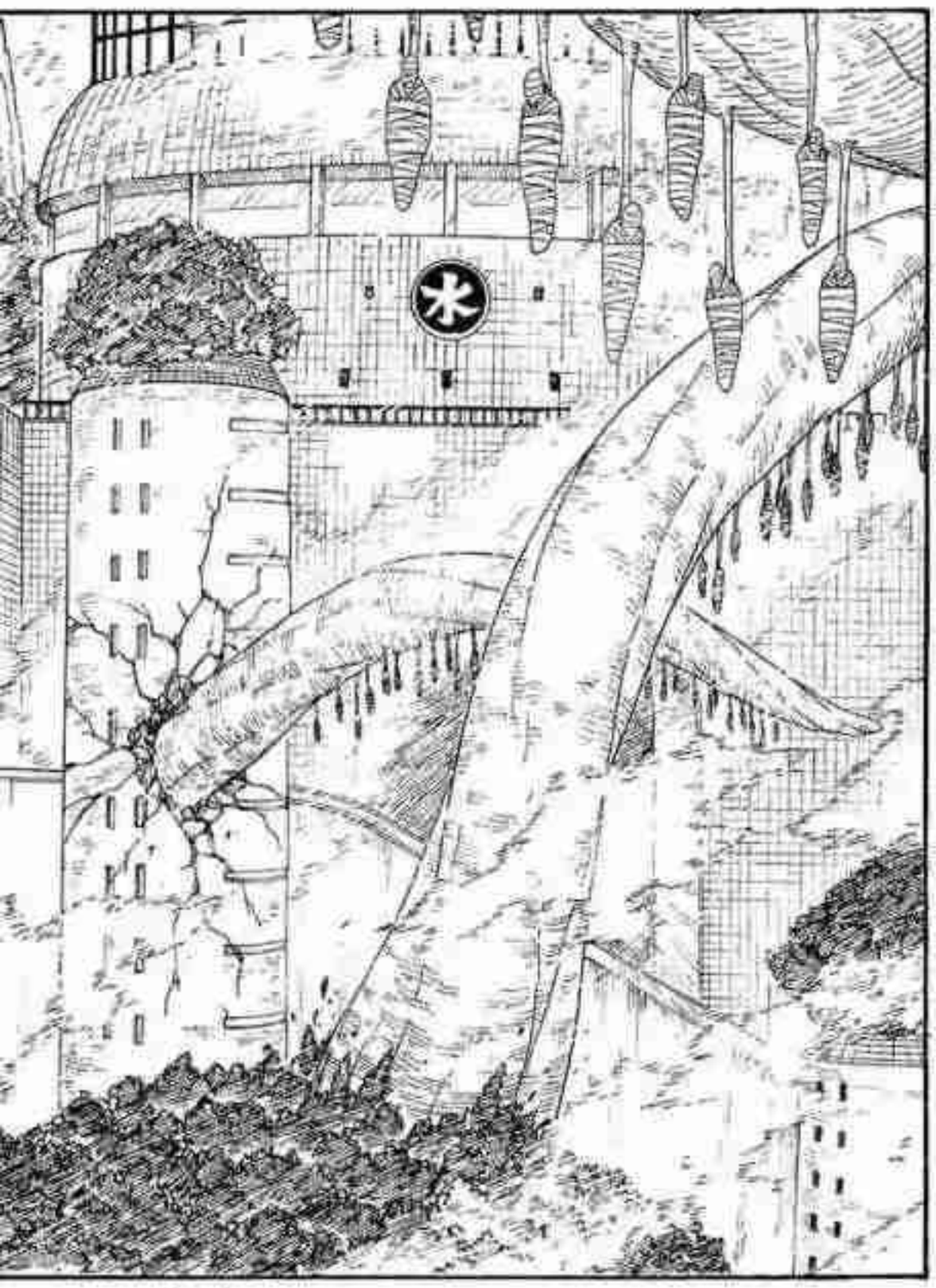
UNFURRRRRL

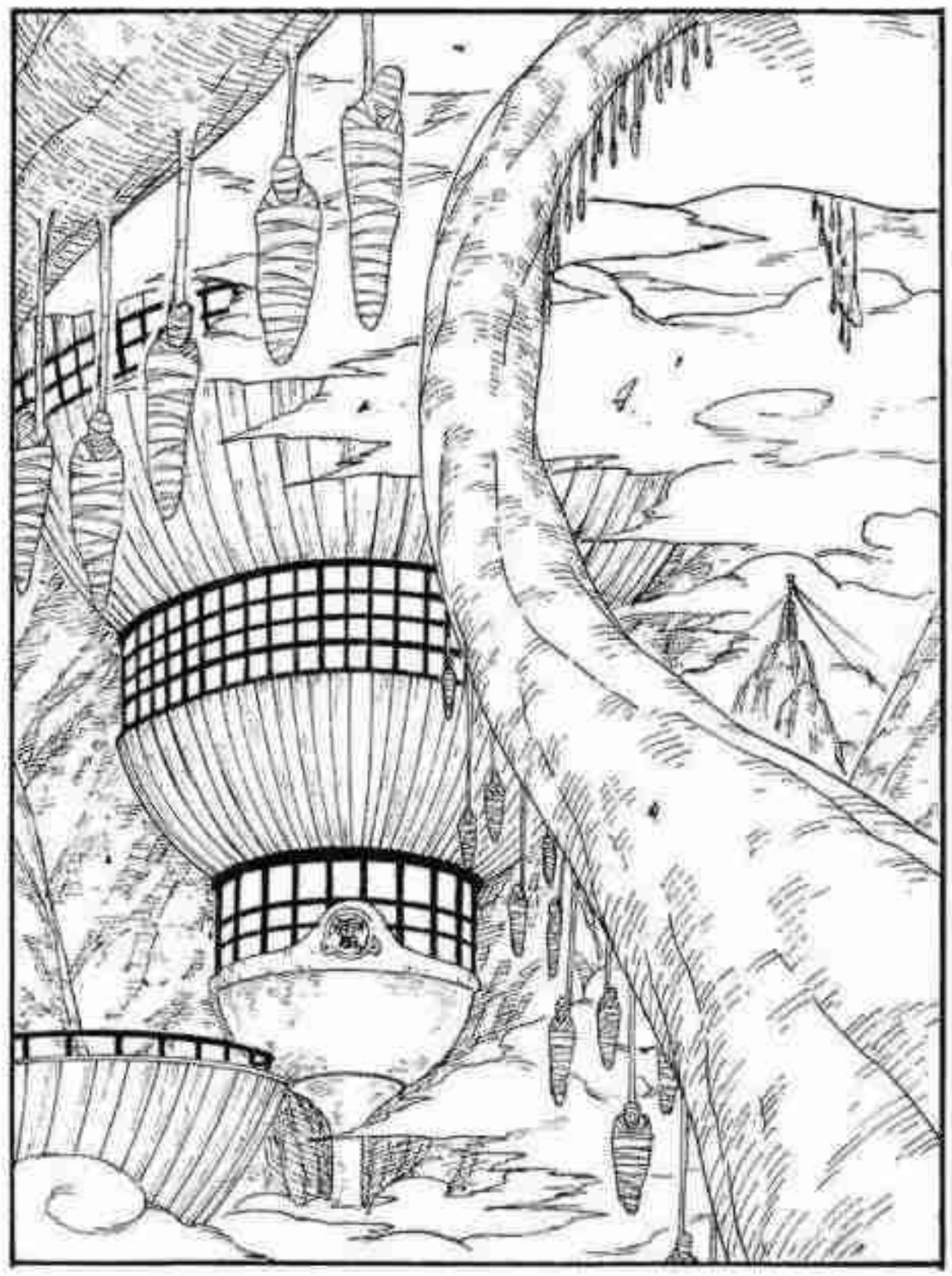

WHOA...! WHAT IN THE WORLD?!

Number 678: My Will Is...









THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO YOU?

WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW, SASUKE?

IT'S SOMETHING NARUTO AND I WANT TO KNOW TOO.

IN ORDER TO STRATEGIZE OUR NEXT MOVE, SAKURA SHOULD--

THAT'S NOT THE POINT, SASUKE ...

...!

...

WE AGREED TO BE A TEAM!

HEY, SASUKE!

忍心

...

SO BE QUIET FOR A BIT...

I'LL DIRECT.

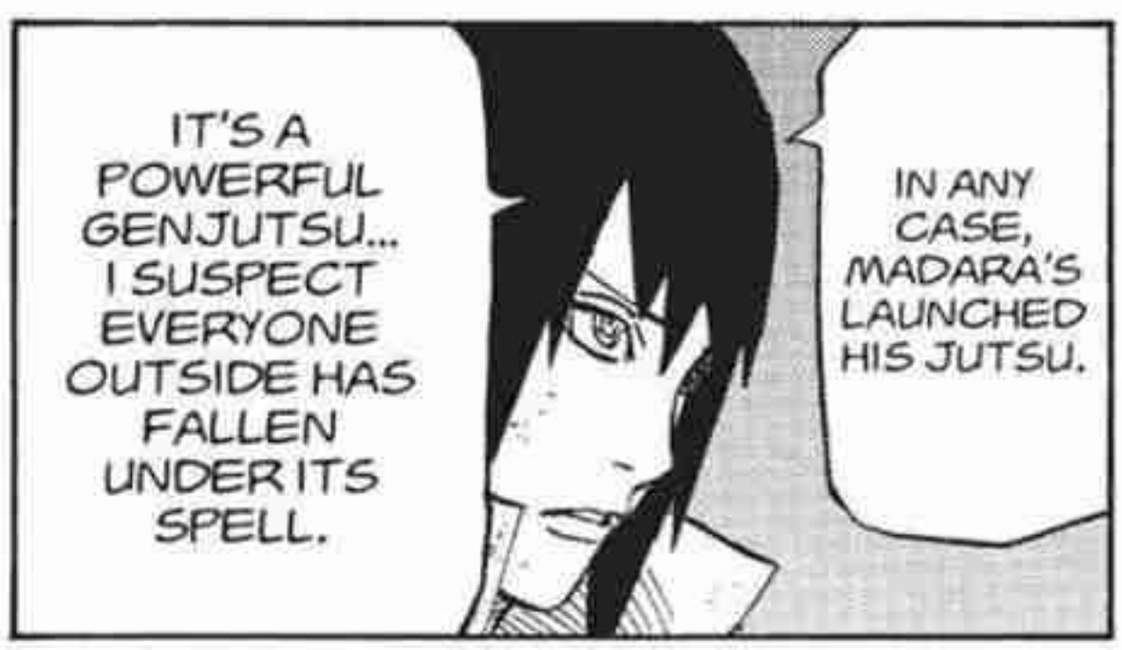
KAKASHI ...

YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN SAKURA RIGHT NOW.

WITH HIS LEFT EYE, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ANALYZE WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE.
SO HE OUGHT TO TAKE COMMAND OF OUR FOUR-MAN CELL NUMBER 7.
NO, SASUKE'S RIGHT. I'M PRETTY USELESS RIGHT NOW.

THOUGH HE MIGHT BE BETTER THAN ME.
I REALLY DON'T THINK HE'S BETTER AT PLANNING THAN EITHER SAKURA OR YOU, MASTER KAKASHI!
WHAT ?!

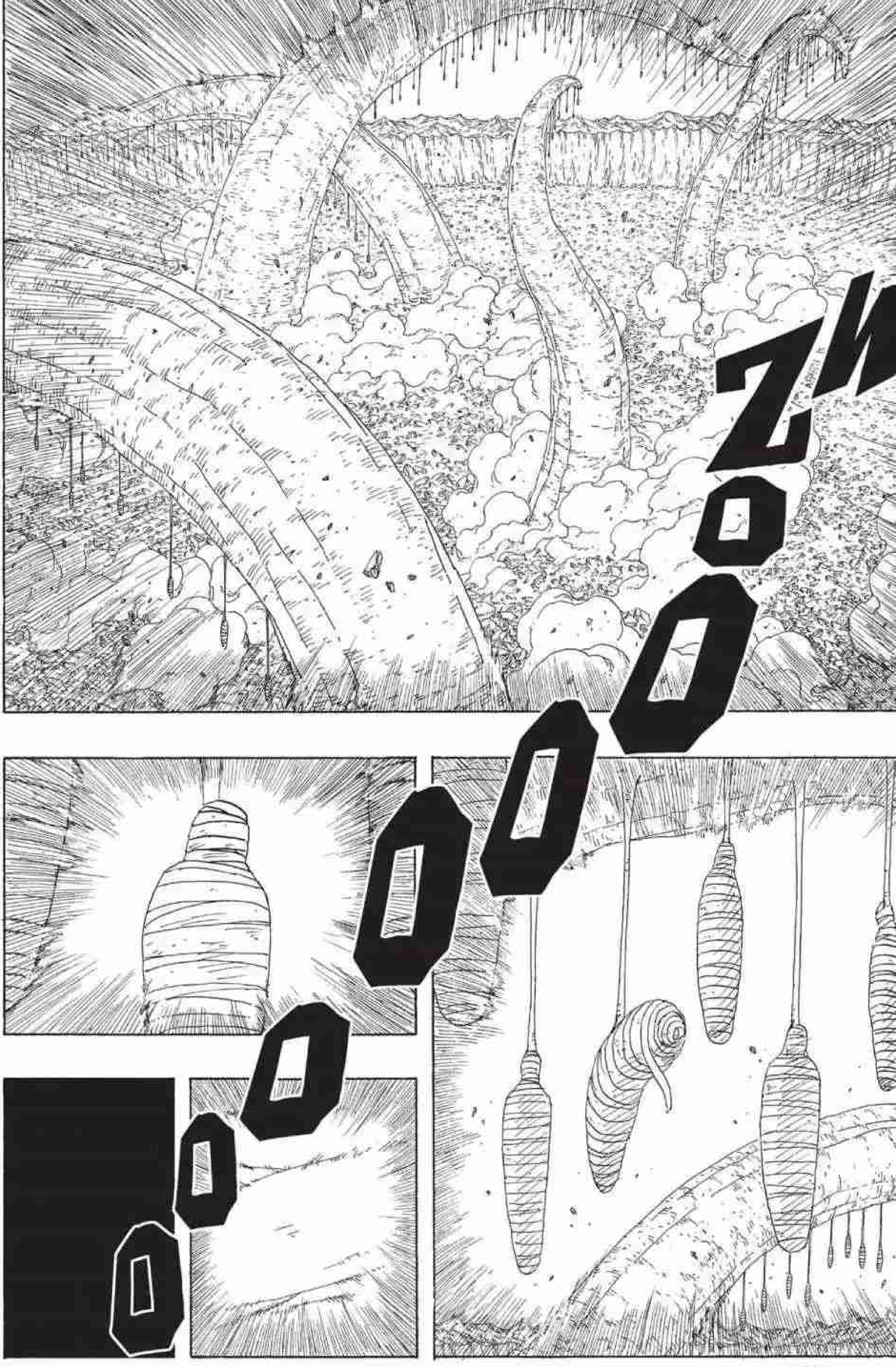
WE MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONES NOT AFFECTED.


IT'S A POWERFUL GENJUTSU... I SUSPECT EVERYONE OUTSIDE HAS FALLEN UNDER ITS SPELL.
IN ANY CASE, MADARA'S LAUNCHED HIS JUTSU.

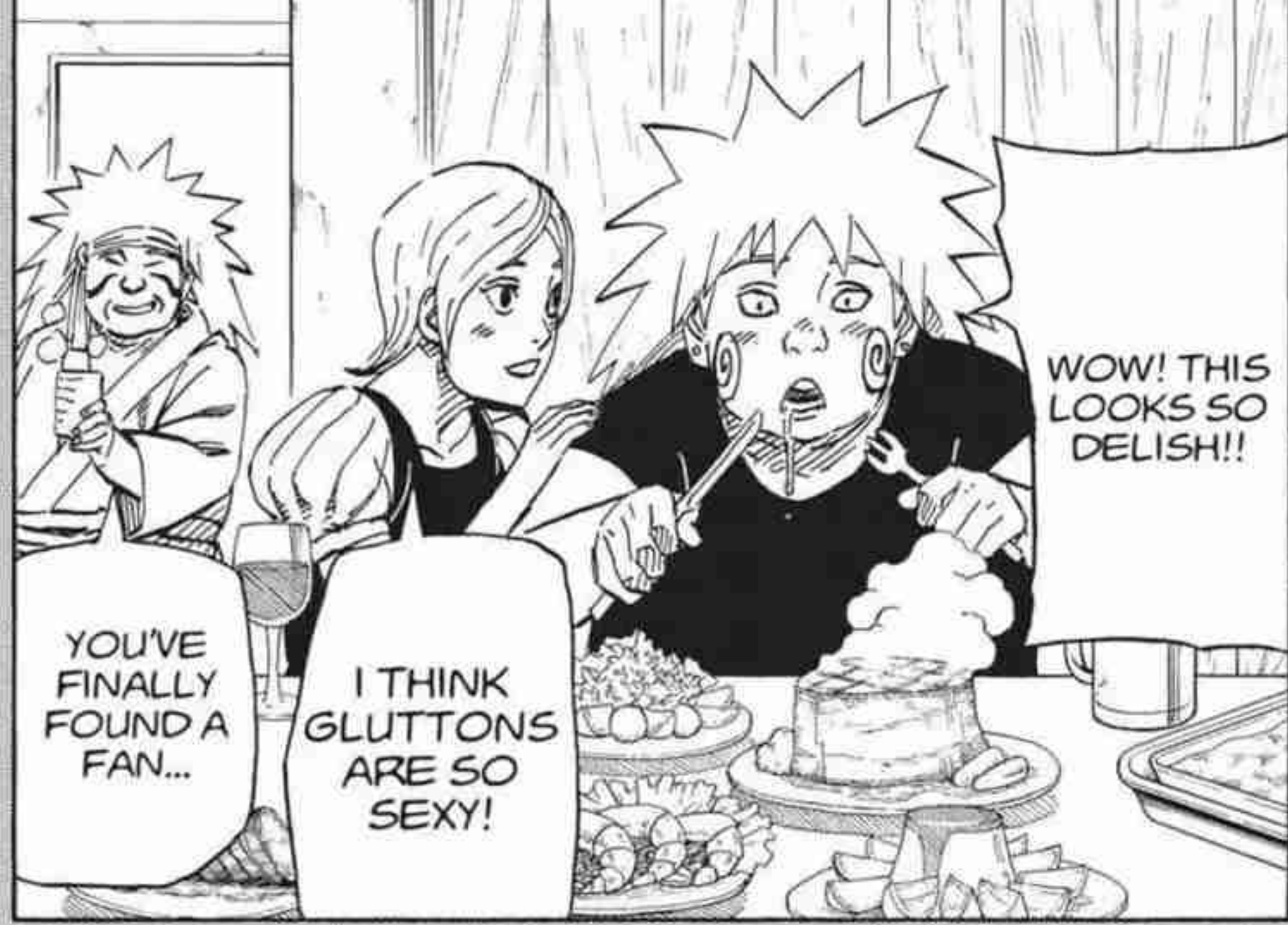
...TRAPPED INSIDE A DREAM.

THEN EVERY-BODY'S ...

THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI, HUH...


ZWOOOOOOO

SHHH...
I THINK I'LL START WITH ESTABLISHING A NEW HOLIDAY CALLED DOG DAY...
HOKAGE'S DECREE!
I'VE FINALLY FOUND IT... A NEW SPECIES!
BZZZZZZ


YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND A FAN...
I THINK GLUTTONS ARE SO SEXY!
WOW! THIS LOOKS SO DELISH!!

YEAH...
MARRIAGE IS WAY TOO BOTHERSOME TO ME... I THINK I'LL PASS...
NAG
NAG

MY LASS IS SO POPULAR!
BOTH OF YOU, PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!
NO, SHE'S MINE.
INO'S MY GIRL... SCRAM.

I LOVE YOU, LEE!

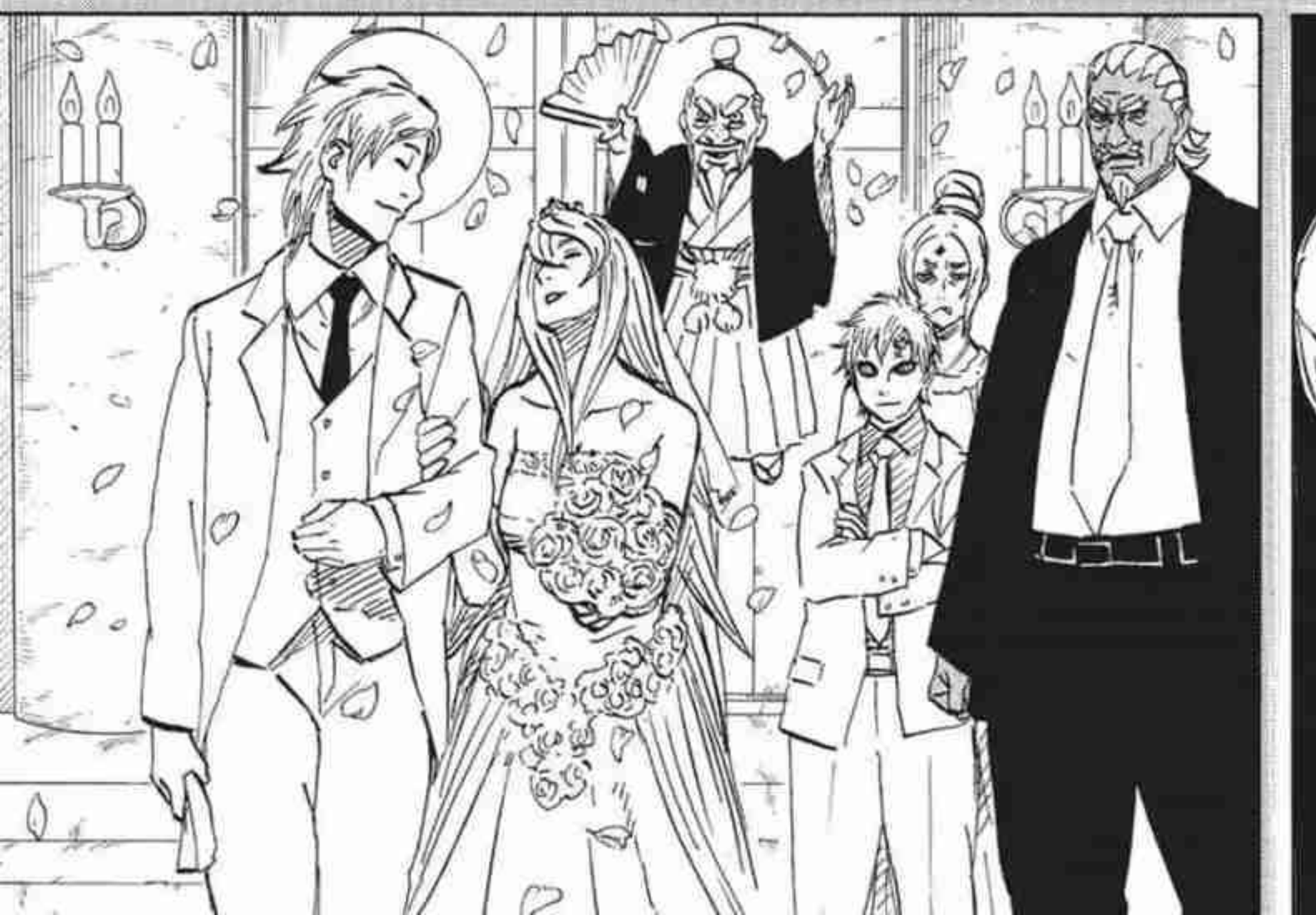
YOUTH PREVAILS!!

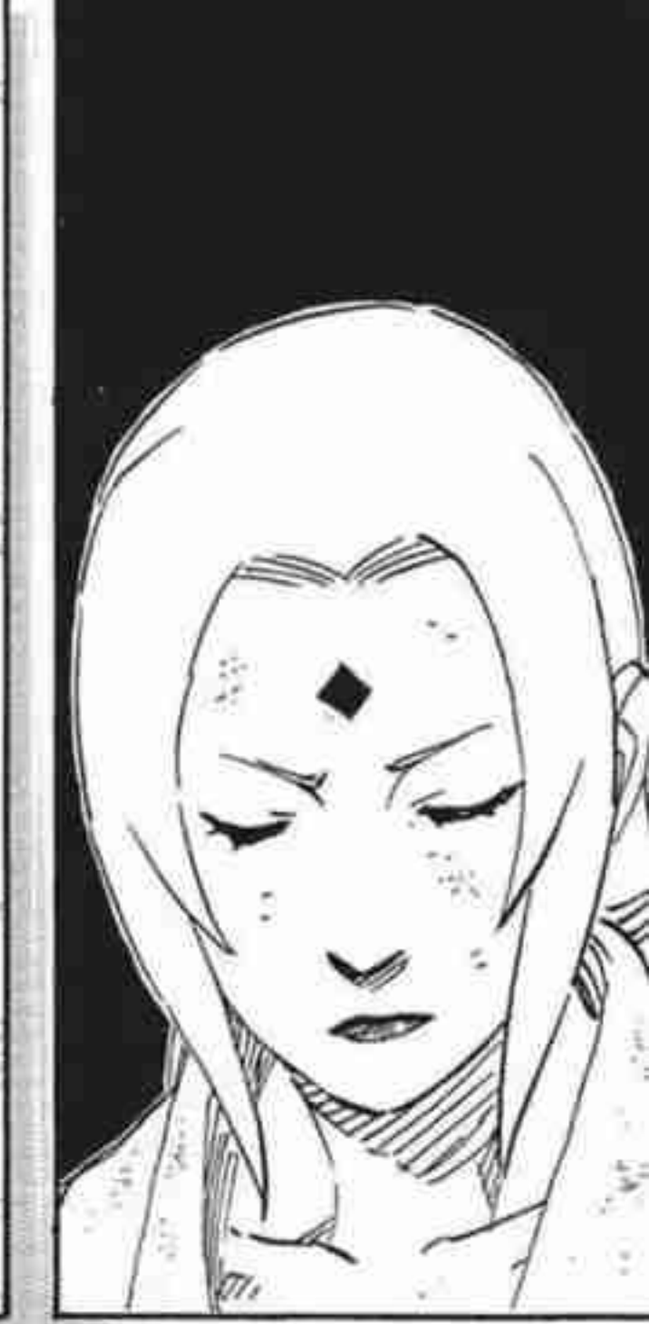
YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THAT?

WE DON'T NEED TO BUTT IN ANYMORE!

RIGHT.

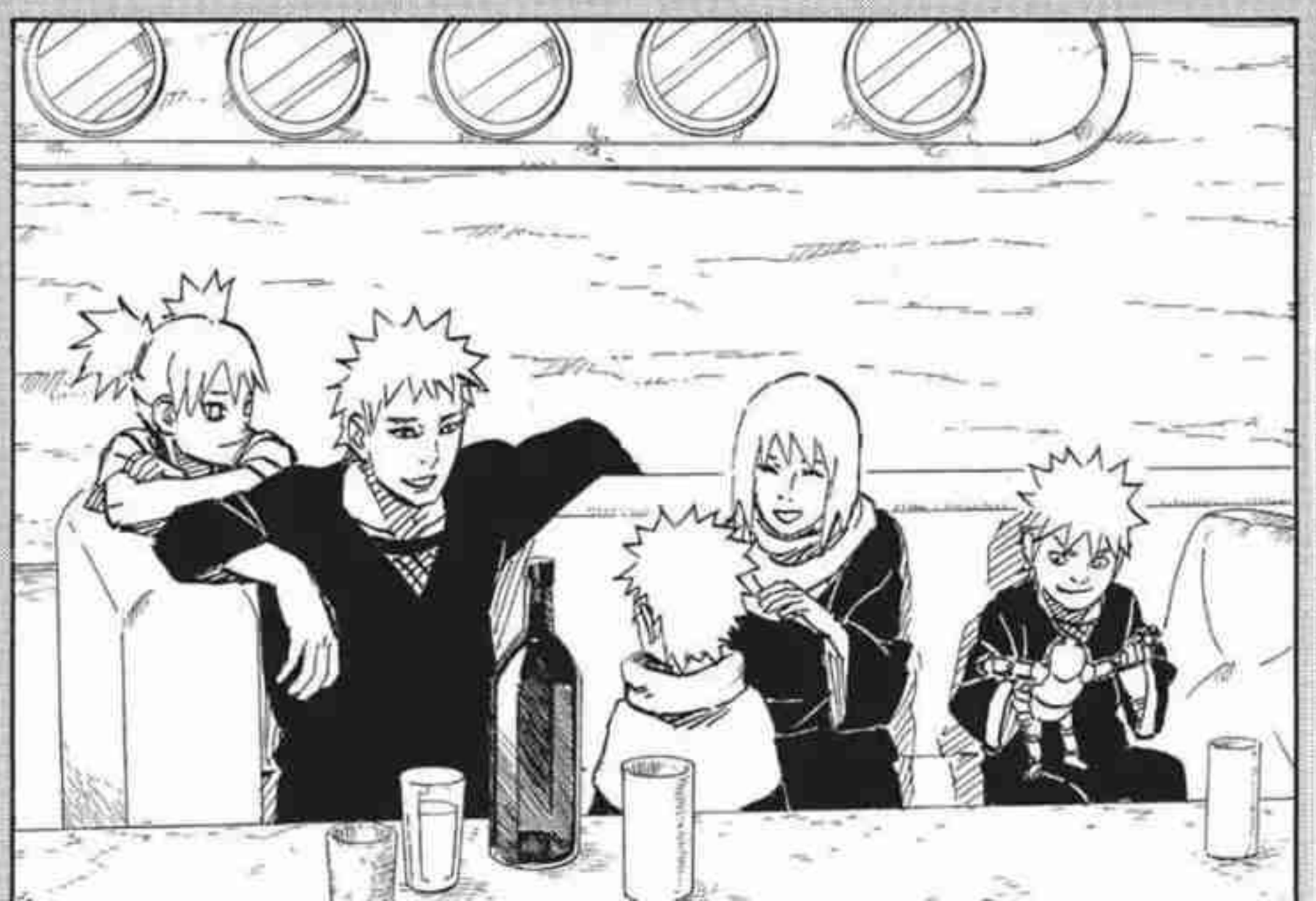
ADULTS MUST ALWAYS CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH COOL, LEE.





HEY!! JIRAIYA!!

DON'T TELL YOUR BIG SIS!
NAWAKI, WANT SOMETHING FUN?
SEXY



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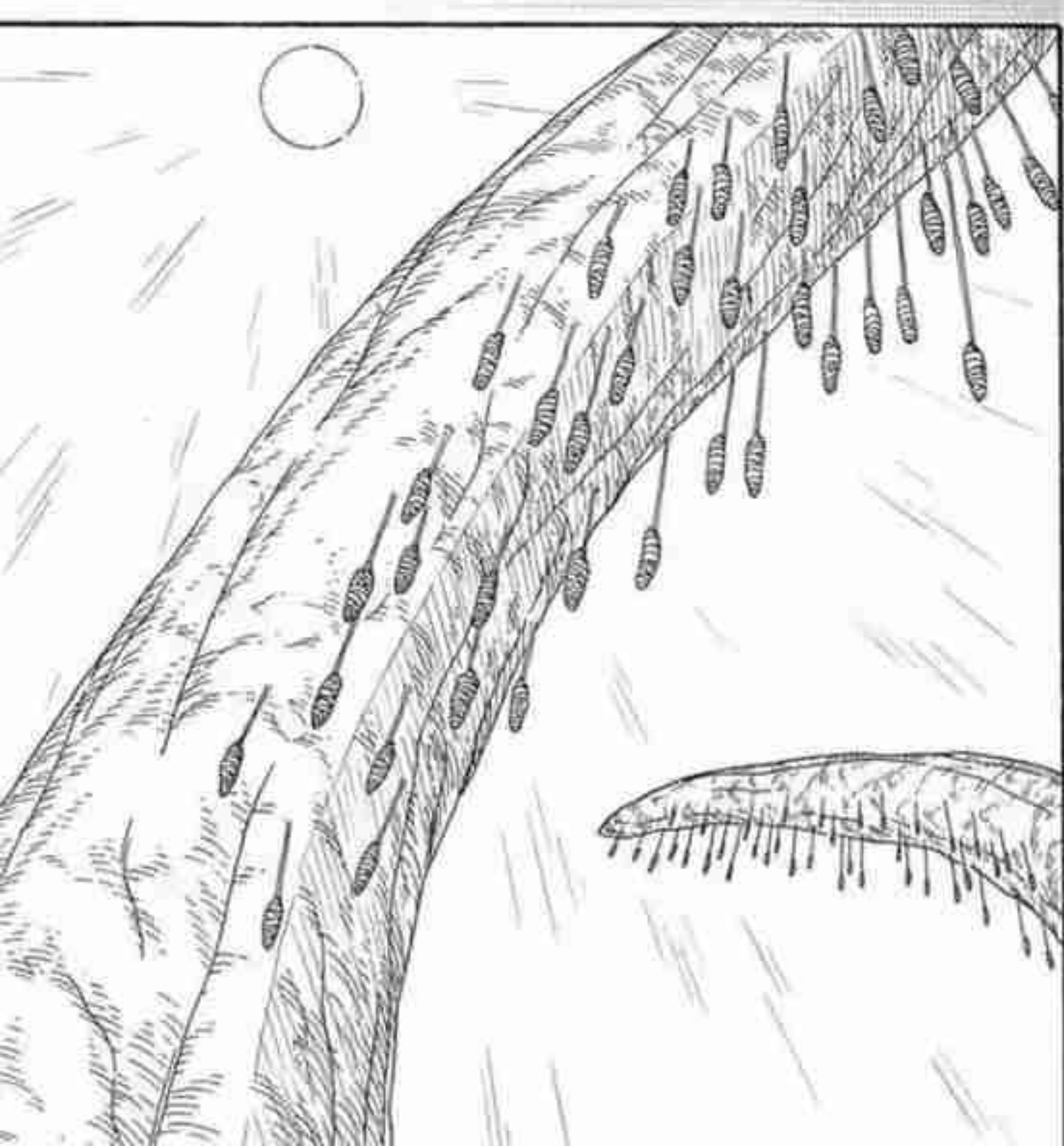
WHAT ARE WE GONNA PLAY TODAY?
YO!

LORD GAARA, YOUR FRIEND IS HERE TO SEE YOU.
!

DON'T STAY OUT TOO LATE, GAARA.

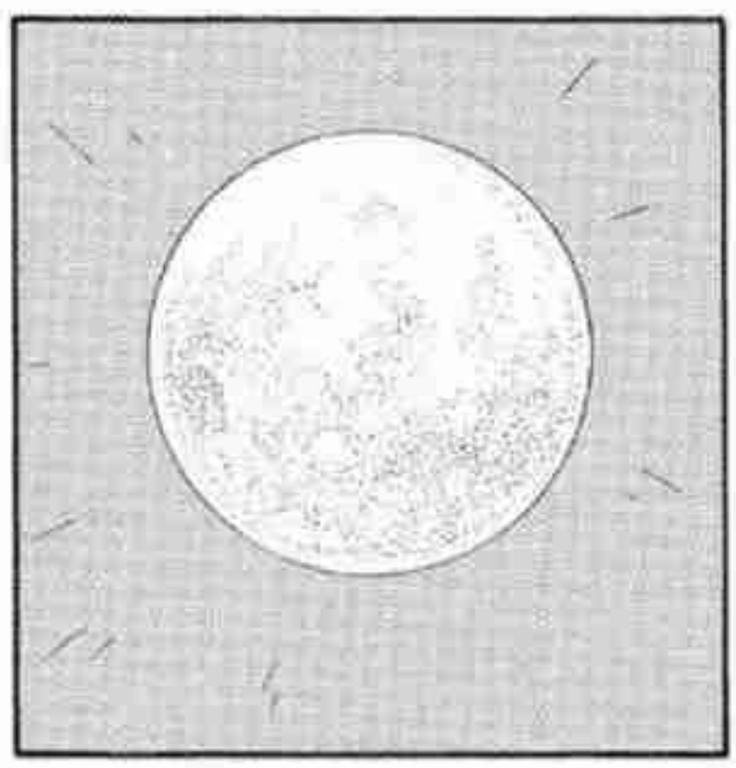


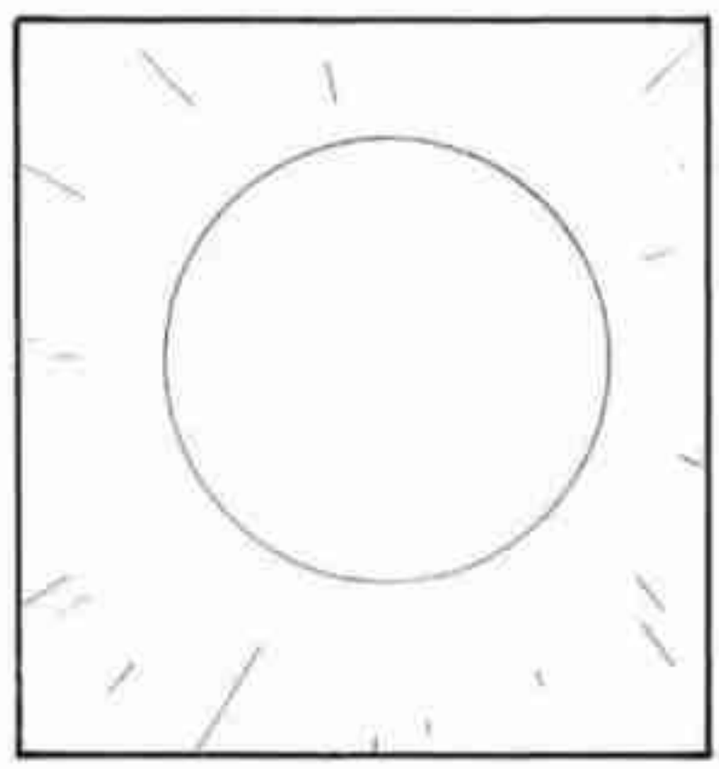
OKAY.

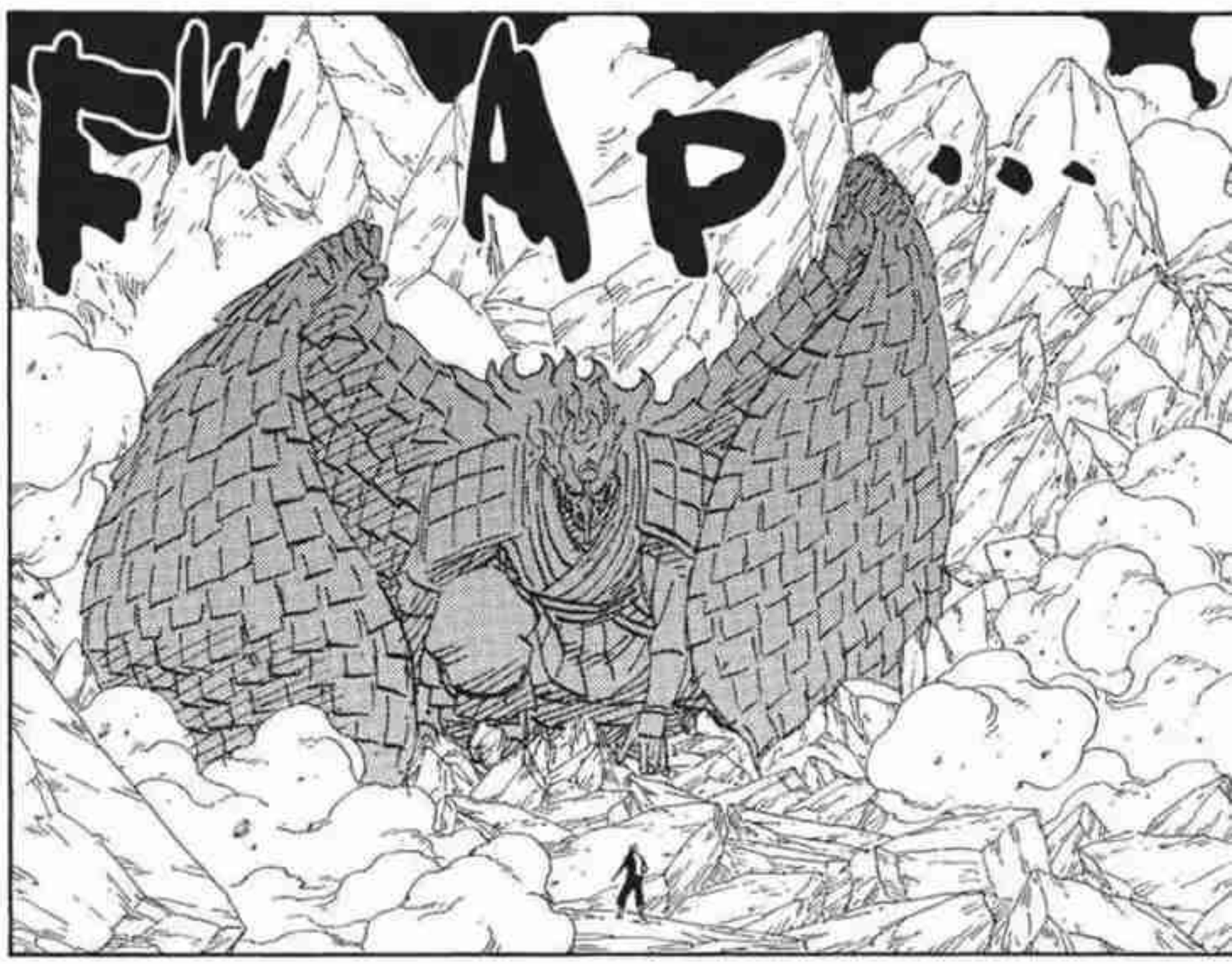
WHICH WILL GRADUALLY WANE... SO WE'LL BE SAFE ONCE THE LIGHT'S GONE.

THE JUTSU SEEMS TO USE THE MOON'S LIGHT...

WHEN CAN WE GO OUTSIDE?!







TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
FINALLY ...
LOOKS LIKE THAT BLACK GUY'S UNAFFECTED!
HASH

WHICH I, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, SHALL DO.

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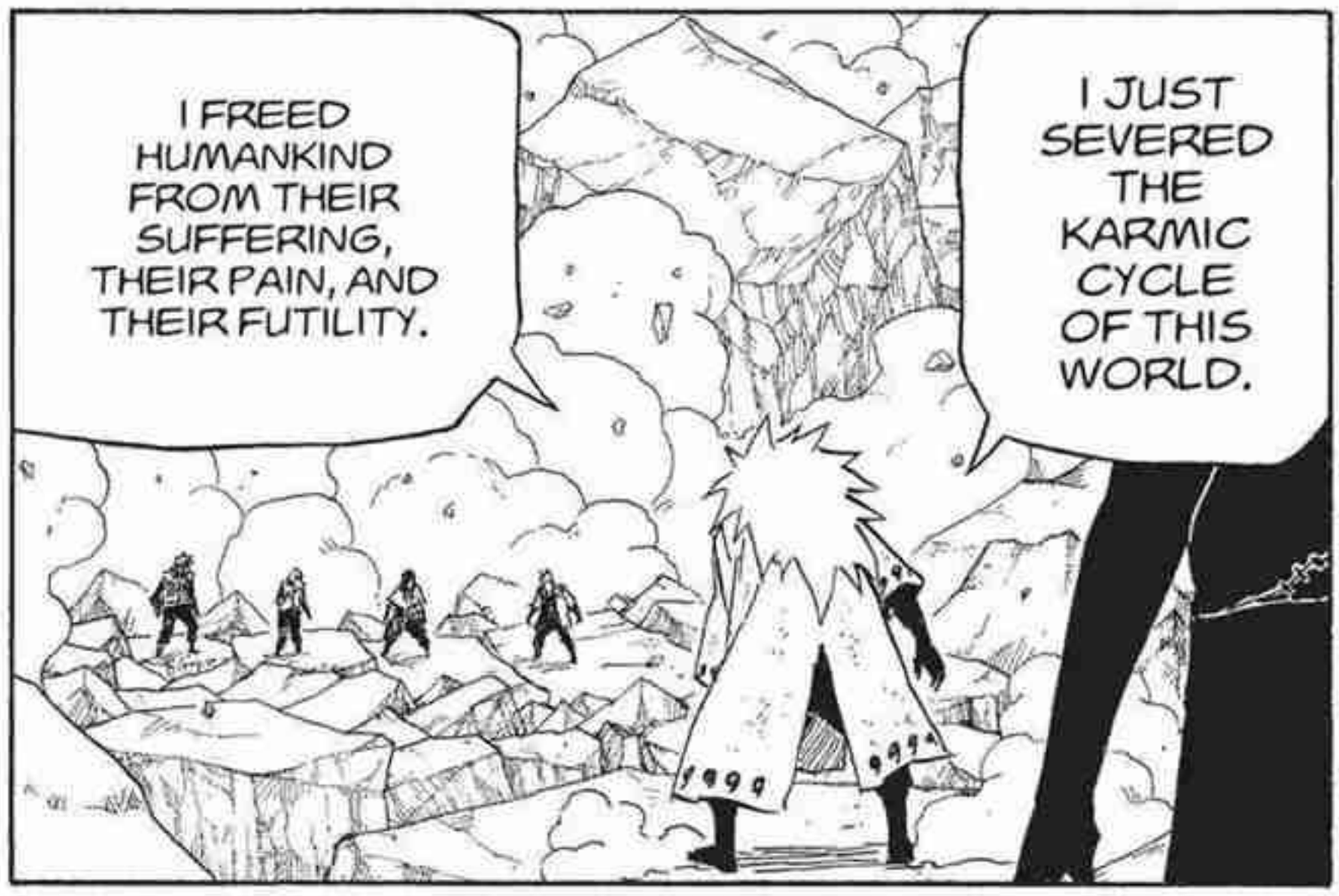

I FREED HUMANKIND FROM THEIR SUFFERING, THEIR PAIN, AND THEIR FUTILITY.
I JUST SEVERED THE KARMIC CYCLE OF THIS WORLD.

ENOUGH WITH THIS SIDESHOW...
NARUTO ...
...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S INTERFERING WITH EVERYONE'S HAPPINESS.

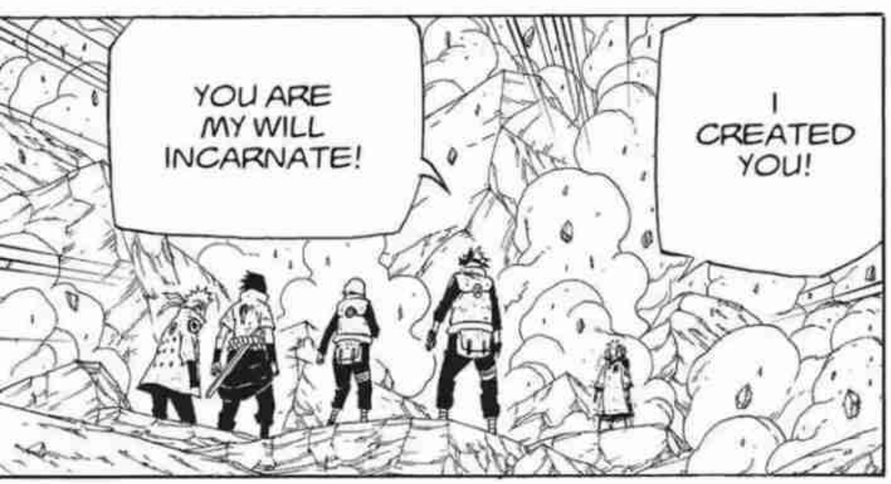
IT'S ALL JUST A LIE!!!
BUT IT'S...

...!

WAKE UP...
IT'S ALL OVER.
I'VE TURNED HELL INTO HEAVEN.

ISN'T IT PRESUMPTUOUS TO THINK THAT YOU ALONE ARE DIFFERENT...
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU, UNLIKE OBITO, ARE ABLE TO COMPLETELY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BLACK ZETSU?!
MY DEAR MADARA?


YOU ARE MY WILL INCARNATE!
I CREATED YOU!

MY WILL IS...
WRONG AGAIN...

?!!
WRONG, MADARA...
YOU ARE NOT A MESSIAH, NOR IS THIS THE END OF THINGS.

?!!

?!
I CAN'T MOVE!

...

...KAGUYA'S!

THEY'RE HAVING A FALLING OUT, NOW?!

THE HECK'S GOING ON?!

HUH?!!

THE ONE THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS MEN-TIONED.

KAGUYA...? WHAT'S THAT?
HUH?! KAGUYA...?!

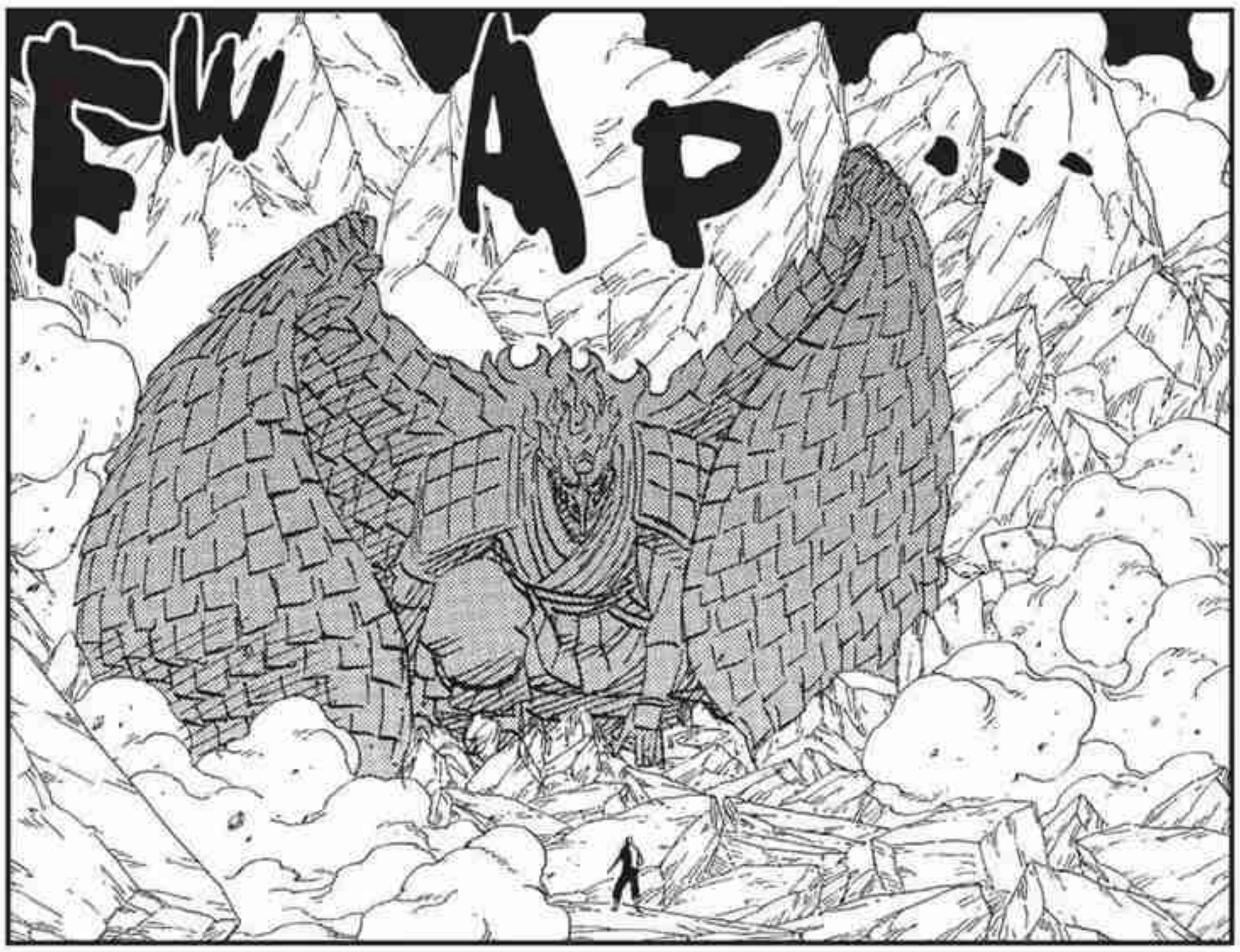
IT JUST MENTIONED THAT IT'S KAGUYA...
NO... THAT'S NOT IT.

NO WAY...

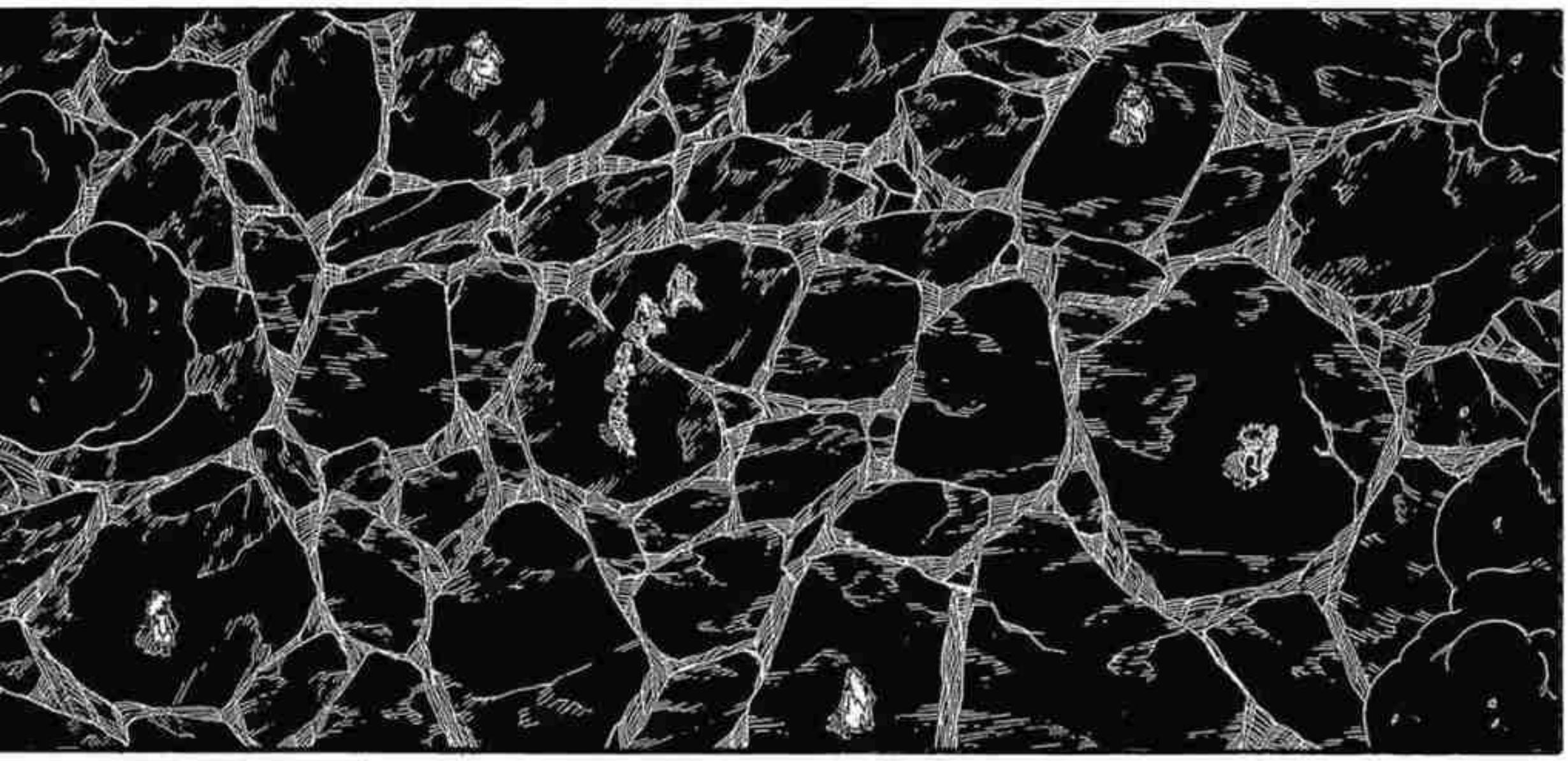
...AND THE POPULACE CAME TO FEAR THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POWER...
MY MOTHER'S POWER EVENTUALLY GAVE RISE TO HUBRIS...

...AND IS TRYING TO ATTAIN EVEN MY MOTHER KAGUYA'S POWER.
HE'S OBTAINED TEN TAILS' POWER AND IS GETTING CLOSE TO ME...

ARGH!!


FWAP...

Number 679: She of the Beginning



BOM BOM BOM BOM

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THIS CHAKRA'S WAY STRONGER THAN EVEN TEN TAILS!!

THIS IS REALLY BAD, SASUKE!!

!!

BULGE

AARGH!!

THUPZWWW

TA
K
BZ
ZZZ
OOW
Z
?!
FWUMP
FF1
FF1
FWOOSH

UGH!!

!!

SMAG

I'LL SUCK BOTH YOUR CHAKRA RIGHT NOW WHILE I'M AT IT.

TWO BUGS FLYING INTO THE FIRE...

GAH!

ZZOOOO

EVEN WHEN KAGUYA PREVIOUSLY CAST THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI UPON THE POPULACE, SHE PRESERVED THOSE PEOPLE ALIVE.

DON'T WORRY... I'M NOT GOING TO KILL ANYONE AT ALL...

SASUKE! IF WE DON'T STOP HIM NOW...

DANG IT!

...HE'LL DRAIN EVERYONE ELSE'S CHAKRA BEFORE OURS AND THEY'LL DIE!!

CAN'T MOVE!!

UGH!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

FORM ...?

IN ORDER TO FORM THEM INTO HER SOLDIERS.

?!

?!

CAN YOU USE ORDINARY FOLK IN COMBAT?

ZWWW

HEH... YOU SEEM TO BE DENSER THAN ITACHI...

THEY'RE TURNED INTO WHITE ZETSU.

ZWWW...

NO WAY...

...THAT'S WHAT THE WHITE ZETSU ARE.

THEY BECOME TRANSFORMED, SLOWLY, OVER TIME.

WHAT'S LEFT OF THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE PREVIOUS INFINITE TSUKUYOMI...

BLUBBLUB

YOU'RE SAYING EVERYONE'S GONNA END UP AS THOSE WHITE GUYS?!

THEN!!

!
HE'S SHRINKING ...?!
PLOP...
THUD
CINCH
ZWSH
UGH!
OBITO!
ZWW
ZWW
SOOOW

ZWOOOO
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
!!
ZWWWWW
AT THIS RATE, HE'S GOING TO EXPLODE!!
IT'S BECAUSE HIS BODY CAN'T TOLERATE THE AMOUNT OF CHAKRA HE TOOK IN!
HE'S SUPER LARGE NOW!!
HEY!!

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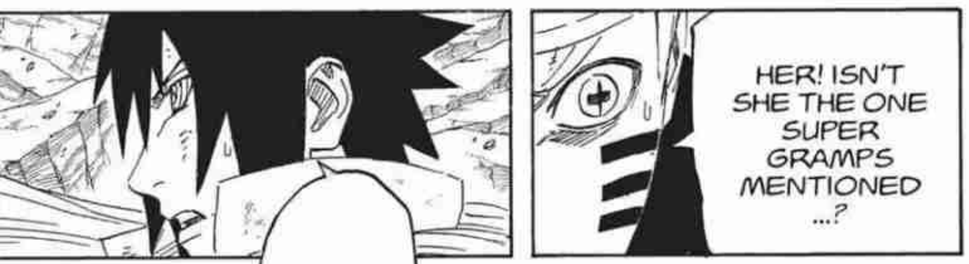
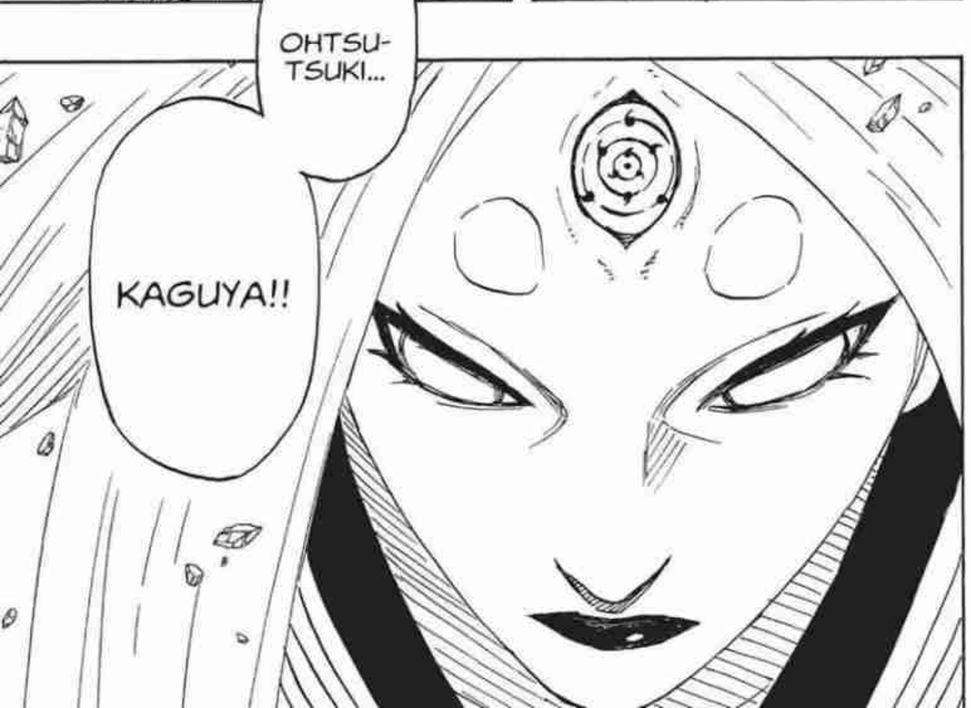

HER! ISN'T SHE THE ONE SUPER GRAMPS MENTIONED ...?


OHTSU-TSUKI...
KAGUYA!!

FLA
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WAH!
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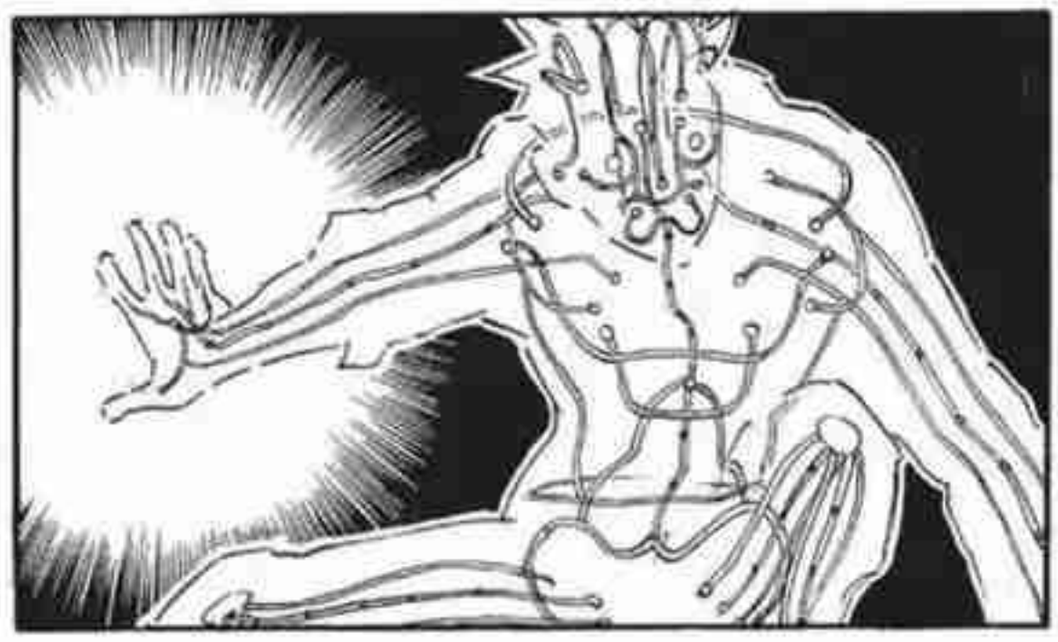
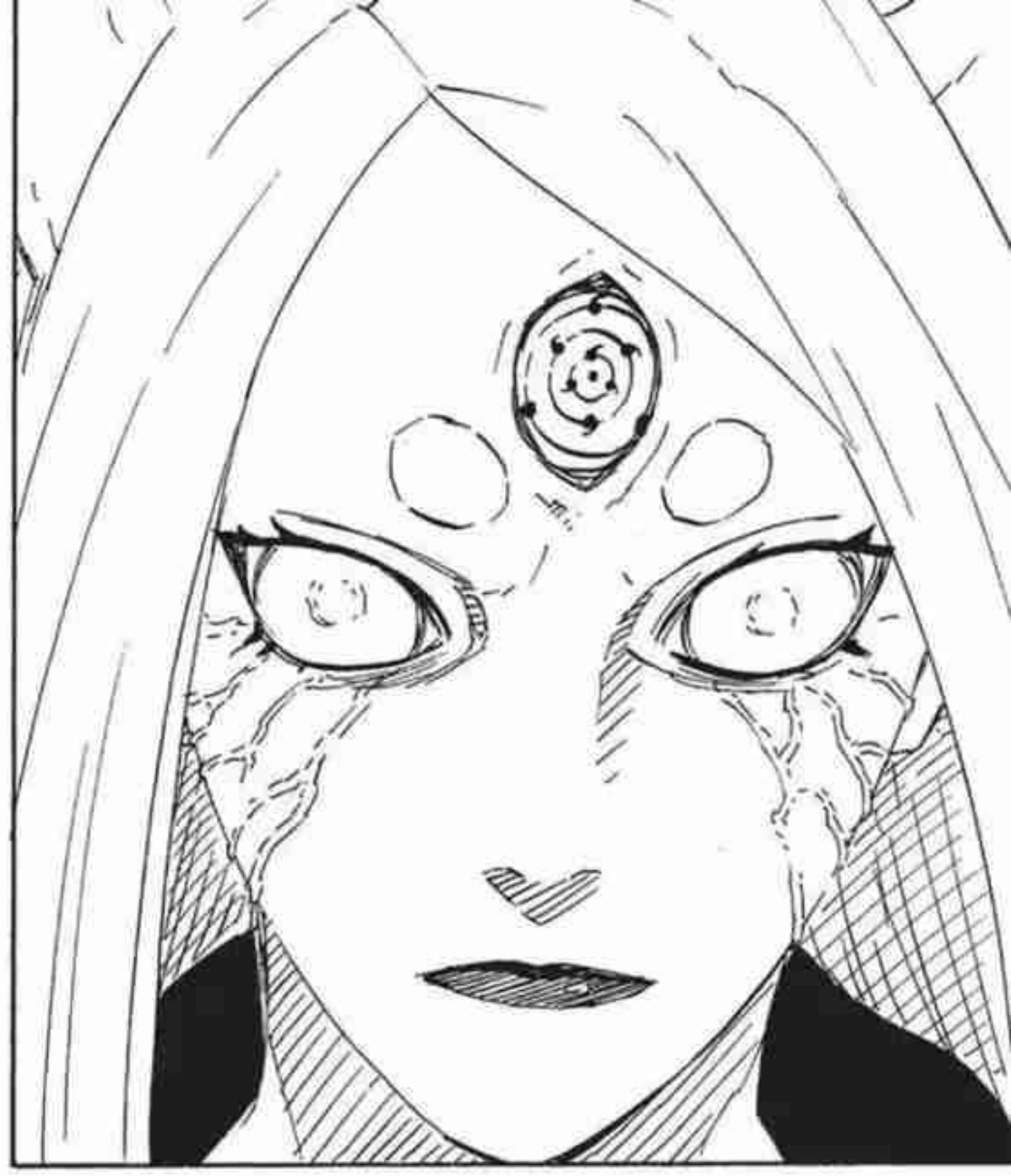
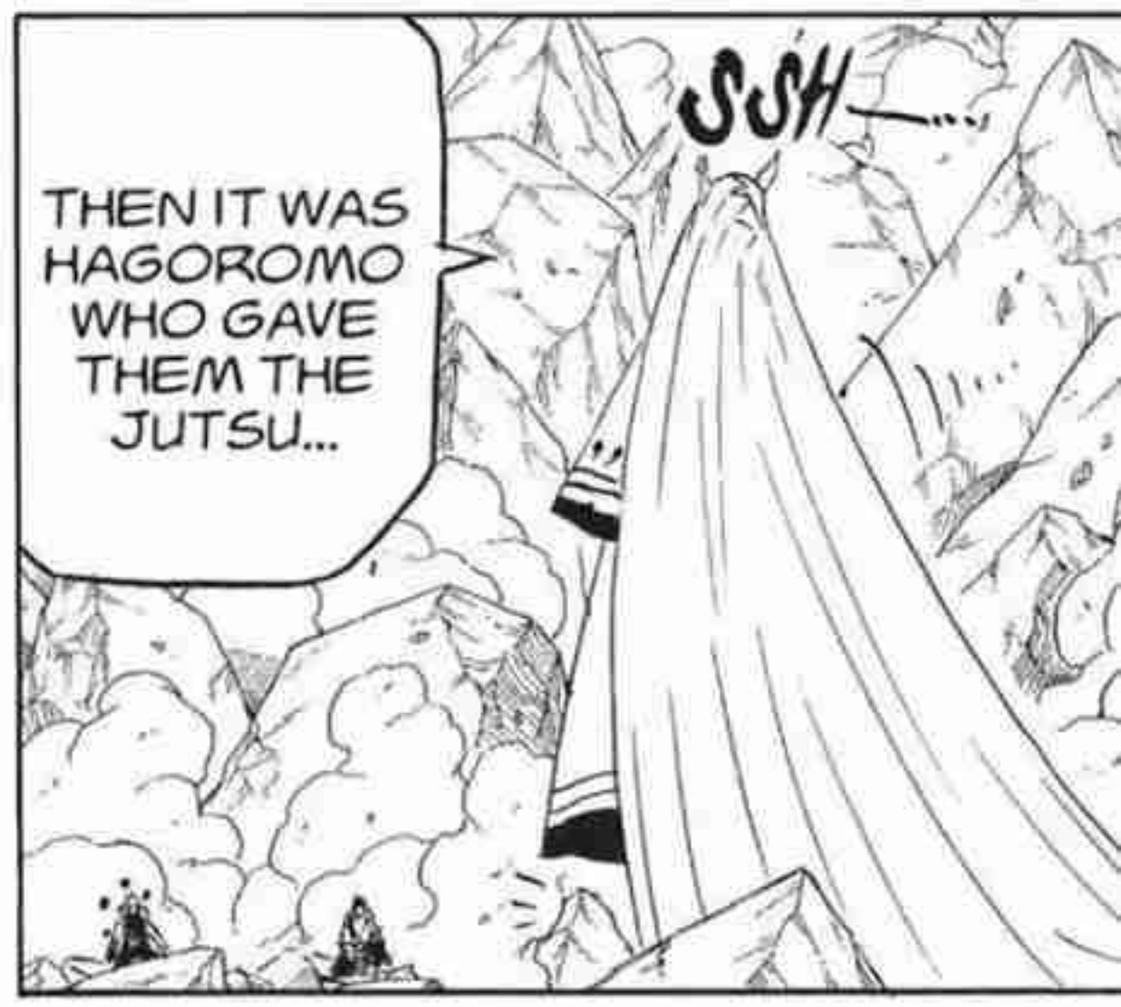
!
NG

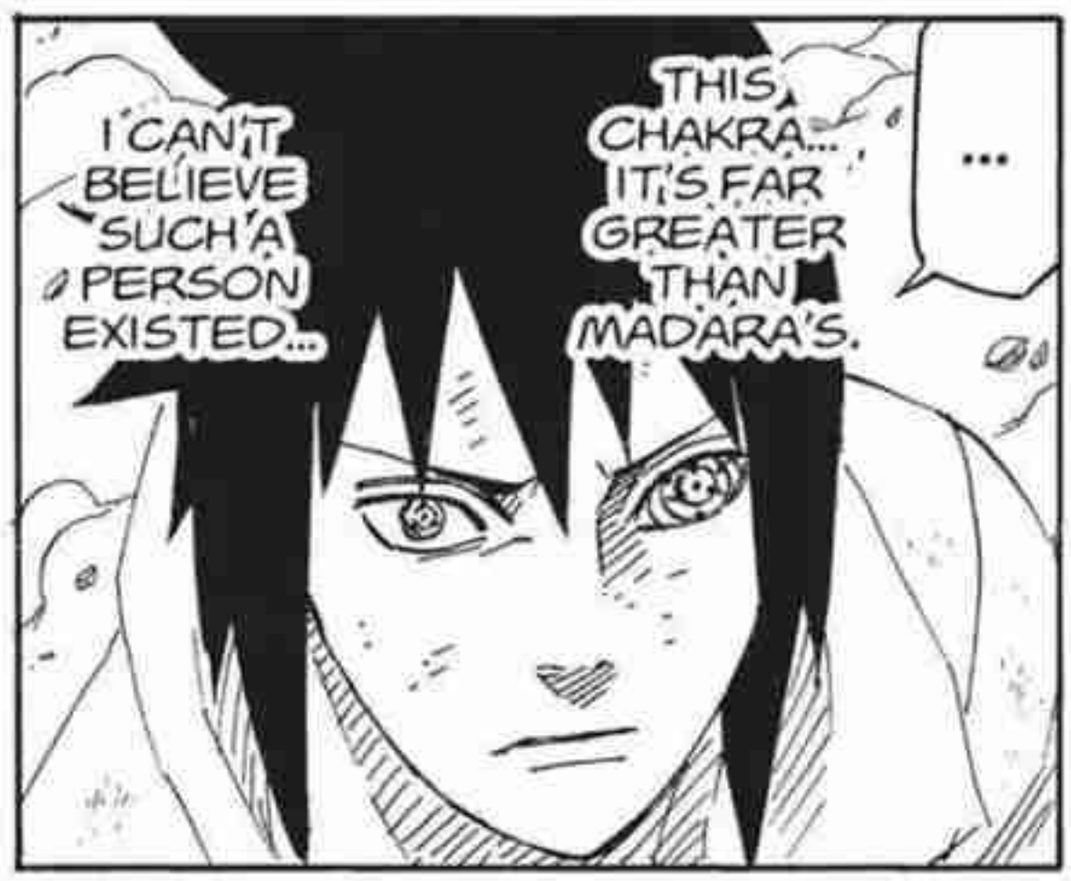
BASH
UGH!!
UGH!!
AM
SSH—...
!!
SHUDDER
THD THD THK-
THK-
THK-
THK-
THK
THK
SASUKE! NARUTO!!
DON'T...YOU MOVE CARELESSLY RIGHT NOW!
THOSE TWO OUGHT TO BE OKAY...
BUT SAKURA ...
...
SSH—...
NO... RATHER, THEY'RE INDRA AND ASHURA.
PLINK...
PLINK...
THESE TWO... THEY'RE HAGOROMO AND HAMURA'S...





SASUKE! NARUTO!
PHEW ...


THEN IT WAS HAGOROMO WHO GAVE THEM THE JUTSU...
SUSH—...


I CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH A PERSON EXISTED...
THIS CHAKRA... IT'S FAR GREATER THAN MADARA'S.
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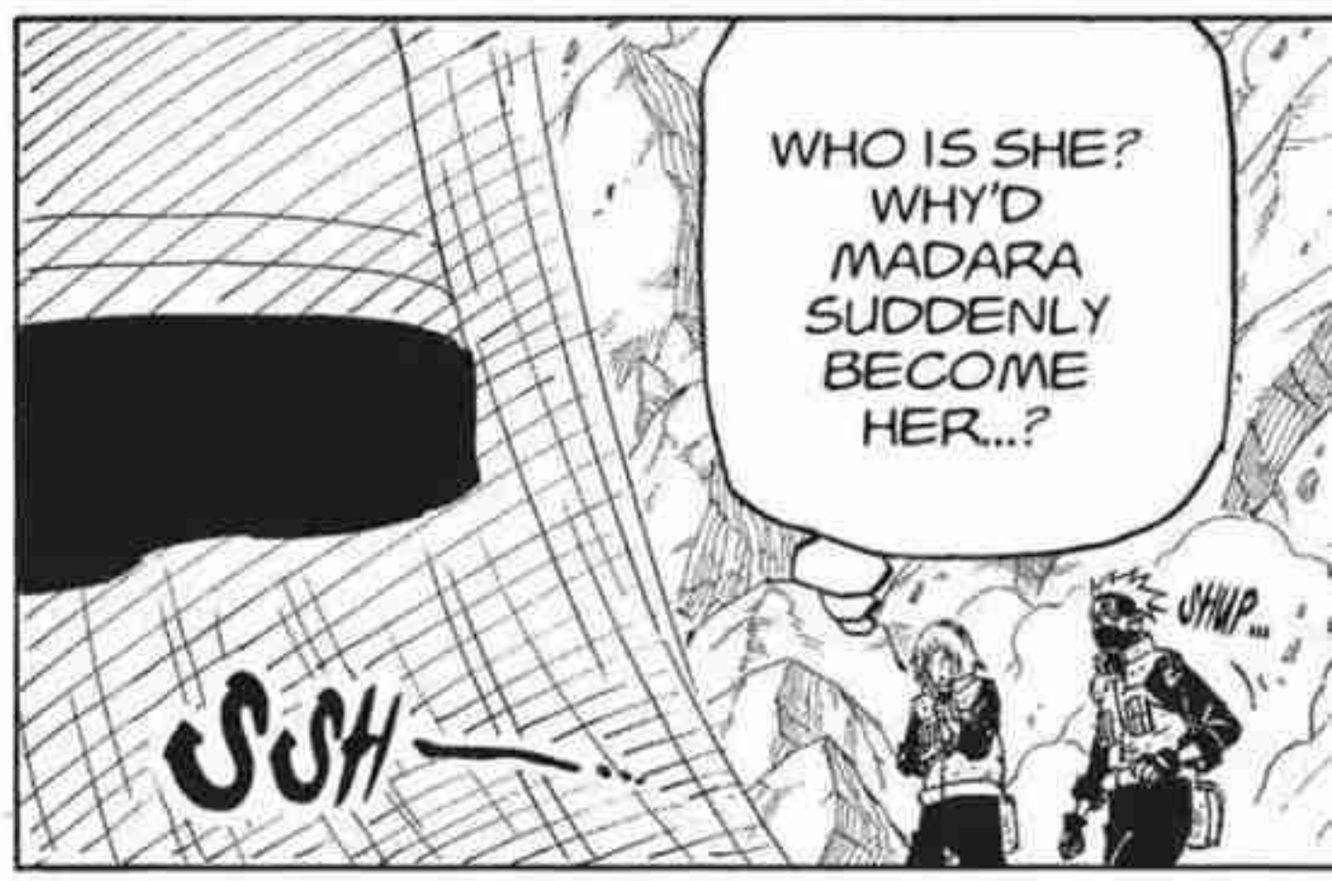
WHO IS SHE? WHY'D MADARA SUDDENLY BECOME HER...?
SUSH—...
SHWP...

...

OBITO...

THIS PLACE... THIS LAND IS MY PRECIOUS NURSERY.
I CANNOT LET IT BE DAMAGED FURTHER...

...

WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS ?!

HUH?
LET US STOP FIGHTING.

I SHALL ERASE YOU ALL *HERE.*

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HERE, THAT IS.

JUDGE

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